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Feb. 28	East Miss.*	3 p.m.	Away
March 3	Northeast*	3 p.m.	Home
March 4	Itawamba	1 p.m.	Home
March 7	Gulf Coast	4 p.m.	Away
March 9	Bossier Parish	3 p.m.	Home
March 11	Pearl River	1 p.m.	Away
March 16	Three-Rivers*	5 p.m.	Home
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March 22	Copiah-Lincoln	4 p.m.	Home
March 24	Jackson State*	3 p.m.	Home
March 25	Southwest	1 p.m.	Away
March 27	East Miss.*	6 p.m.	Home
March 28	Iowa Western	3 p.m.	Home
March 31	Iowa Western	3 p.m.	Home
April 1	Hinds	1 p.m.	Home
April 5	Jones	1 p.m.	Away
April 8	Gulf Coast	4 p.m.	Home
April 11	Pearl River	4 p.m.	Home
April 14	Copiah-Lincoln	4 p.m.	Away
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April 22	Itawamba	2 p.m.	Away

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ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE-HEADERS UNLESS NOTED

ECCC Tournament

February 18	10:00	*Ec vs. Wallace
	12:30	Jones vs. Bevill*
	2:45	Bevill vs. Wallace*
	4:45	EC vs. Jones*
February 19	1:15	Jones vs. Wallace
	3:45	EC vs. Bevill

*Home Team ----- Sunday - Flip for home.

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East Central starts season by

From **Staff Reports**

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Also, Tommy Holland and Jamie Morrow have moved on.

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CA lineup. Freshman Carey
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CLARION-LEDGER

ECCC baseball squad off to 4-1 start

By **MARTY STAMPER**
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors are off to a 4-1 start on the baseball diamond, winning the East Central-Rush Sports Medicine Tournament in the process.

EC will host Northeast in a single game at 3 p.m. on Friday and Itawamba in a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday before opening South Division play at Gulf Coast on Tuesday.

ECCC 6, WALLACE STATE 2: The Warriors won their season opener as Jason Wilkins (1-0) allowed only two hits in seven innings while striking out eight. He gave up only two walks.

Chris Bond had two hits, one of which was a two-run homer. Chris Ezelle also had a pair of hits.

ECCC 10, JONES 0: Greg McBride led the 2-0 Warriors with three hits, one of which was a home run. Hank Thoms (1-0) was the winning pitcher.

ECCC 9, BEVILL STATE 4: Joey Rigdon (1-0) got the win and Ron Cook had a pair of hits as EC won its own tournament and improved to 3-0.

ECCC 13, EAST MISSISSIPPI 5: The Warriors scored seven runs over the first four innings and added six more in the ninth as they won the Feb. 22 contest at West Lauderdale.

Chris Ezelle had three hits, one of which was a three-run homer. Ricky John, Brooks Bryan, and Cary Lambert each had two hits for the 4-0 Warriors.

Jason Wilkins (2-0) struck out eight in eight innings to get the win. He allowed only three hits.

East Mississippi fell to 0-3.

JONES 6, ECCC 3: The Warriors took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the ninth in Thursday's contest at Ellisville, but an infield error and a dropped routine fly ball in the outfield proved costly as Jones took the win with a grand slam with two outs.

Raymond Johnson homered for the Warriors, while Ricky John and Tommy Bost both had two hits.

Brooks Bryan (0-1) took the loss in relief as EC fell to 4-1.

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Area baseball games cancelled

Today's junior college baseball games featuring Gulf Coast at Meridian Community College and East Central at East Mississippi have been rained out.

The MCC-Gulf Coast game as tentatively been rescheduled for MCC Field for Friday at 2 p.m. The EMCC-ECCC game has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 29 at 4 p.m.

Next up for East Mississippi is a home game against Meridian Thursday at 2 p.m. East Central plays hosts to Northeast Community College in a single nine-inning game Friday at 3 p.m.

The action heats up over the weekend as East Mississippi visits Hinds Community College in Raymond for a three-game, two-day set, while East Central plays host to Itawamba Community College in two seven-inning games Saturday with action beginning at 1 p.m.

MCC pays a visit to Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Ala. on Sunday in a single nine-inning game at 2 p.m.

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ECCC experiences both ends of twinbill sweeps

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor



The East Central Community College Warriors were swept by Northeast in doubleheader action Friday in Decatur before coming back to take two wins from visiting Itawamba on Saturday.

The Warriors brought a 6-3 record into this week's action. The Warriors were slated to open South Division play at Gulf Coast on Tuesday before hosting 1994 Region 23 runnerup Bossier Parish in a 3 p.m. doubleheader Thursday. EC then visits Pearl River Saturday before hosting Three Rivers (Mo.) in a three-game set, March 16-17.

"It's probably the toughest two weeks we've had since I've been here," EC coach Jamie Clark said of the nine games.

NORTHEAST 4-10, ECCC 2-3: The Tigers of Northeast limped into Decatur Friday afternoon with an 0-8 mark, but swept the Warriors as EC fell to 4-3.

Mitch Covington (0-1) took the loss in the opener despite allowing only one run through four innings before being lifted for this week's conference action.

Jason Wilkins (2-1) suffered the same fate in the nightcap as he was lifted after giving up only one run through four frames.

Brian Reid of Northeast no-hit EC over the first six innings of the second contest.

ECCC 10-10, ITAWAMBA 9-1: The Warriors trailed 9-2 after 5½ innings before rallying to take Saturday's opener in extra innings.

A four-run sixth brought EC to within 9-6 and a three-run rally in the seventh forced an extra inning. Brooks Bryan, who went 4-for-5, singled home Chris Ezelle, who had walked, with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Bryan (1-1) also was the winning pitcher with two innings of scoreless relief.

Dusty Ivy was 3-for-4 with a homer for EC, while Kevin Nelson had a pair of doubles.

In the nightcap, the Warriors led 2-1 through 3½ innings and broke the contest open with six runs in the bottom of the fourth. Cary Lambert had a grand slam in the fourth. Nelson

had a double and a home run. Ivy was 2-for-2 with a double, while Ron Cook added a triple.

Willis Lally (1-0) allowed only one run over the first five innings to get the win.

The Warriors improved to 6-3 with the sweep, while Itawamba fell to 2-8.

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East Central sweeps pair from Itawamba

By **Will Price**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — After losing a doubleheader Friday night, the East Central Community College Warriors bounced back to beat sweep Itawamba Community College Saturday.

East Central took the first game 10-9 in eight innings then won the nightcap 10-1.

The two wins put the Warriors at 6-3 on the season while the Indians fell to 2-8.

Brooks Bryan, ECCC's fifth pitcher of the game, got the win and is now 1-0, while Brad Stokes, ICC's third pitcher, suffered the loss and fell to 0-2. Bryan also went 4-for-5, scored two runs and drove in the winning run.

Dusty Ivy went 3-for-4, with a home run and Kevin Nelson had two doubles.

Brian Pepper put the Indians up 1-0 with his homer in the second inning but the Warriors tied it in their half of the second on a homer from Ivy.

ICC seemed to put the game away in the third inning when it scored five runs and then added another in the fifth for a 7-1 lead.

But ECCC rallied, starting its comeback in the fifth when Ivy reached on an error and later scored. After the Indians took a 9-2 lead in the sixth, the Warriors cut the deficit to 9-6 when Bryan, Greg

McBride, Nelson and Ivy all crossed the plate in their half of the inning.

Bryan, McBride and Nelson scored in the seventh to tie the game at 9-9 and send it into an extra inning. In the eighth, Chris Ezell walked and after Ricky John was intentionally walked, Bryan singled home Ezell with the winning run.

■ **East Central 10, Itawamba 1:** The Warriors got five good innings from Willis Lally, who got his first decision.

Michael Gable took the loss and fell to 0-2.

Ivy was 2-for-2 with a double, Cary Lambert went 2-for-2 with a grand slam home run, Nelson was 2-for-3 with a double and a homer and Ron Cook added a triple to lead the Warriors at the plate. The Indians picked up their lone run in the top of the first. ECCC got all the runs it needed when Nelson and Ivy scored in the second.

The Warriors got six more in the fourth when Cook, Ivy, Chris Bond, Hank Thoms, Lambert and Shane McGee all scored. The big hits in the inning were Cook's triple, Ivy's double and Lambert's grand slam.

East Central then closed out the scoring in the fifth on Nelson's homer. Chris Bond later scored the final run of the game.

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Northeast sweeps ECCC

By **Jarrold McDaniel**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Anyone who missed "meet the players" night at East Central could at least catch up on the pitchers Friday night.

The Warriors used seven different hurlers as they fell to Northeast 10-3 in the second game of a double header.

East Central fell 4-2 in the earlier ball game.

While the Warriors had their share of problems on the mound in the second game, Northeast pitcher Brian Reid had none, as he carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning.

"We've been playing well as the week progressed," Northeast coach Ray Scott said.

"We knew if we kept plugging something good would happen."

It did.

The Tigers went from an 0-8 start to a two-game winning streak, with a record of 2-8.

"(Reid) sure shut us down," East Central coach Jamie Clark said. "But we have no excuses, what happens happens."

"We'll show up tomorrow and play, we won't panic, we'll bounce back."

The Warriors fell to 4-3 and host Itawamba today at 1 p.m.

The second game was scoreless until the top of the third inning, when Northeast's Glenn Tapp got on base with a single and was brought home on an East Central overthrow to first base.

Neither team scored in the fourth and fifth innings but Northeast came alive in the sixth, scoring six runs off of three different Warrior pitchers.

The Tigers added three more runs in the top of the seventh.

The lone bright spot for East Central was breaking up Reid's no hitter, as the Warriors scored three runs on two hits.

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■ **Northeast 4, East Central 2:** The Tigers broke into the win column for the first time this season.

Shaun McGrath got things started for Northeast as he scored in the top of the first off a single by Jared Jackson.

The Warriors got on the board in the third when Ricky John was brought home on a single.

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East Central edges Three Rivers

The East Central Community College baseball team improved to 8-8 on the season by taking a 2-1 victory over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College Thursday.

ECCC pitcher Jason Wilkins (4-1) went the distance, allowing just five hits while striking out 10. He did not give up a walk.

The Warriors got four hits in the contest, including a shot from Hank Thoms in the fifth inning that scored Ron Cook.

East Central took a 2-0 lead in the seventh when Tommy Bost walked, then Ricky Johns got a base hit that scored Bost.

Three Rivers scored its lone run in the eighth inning.

ECCC lost right fielder Dusty Ivey for the rest of the season. He was hit by a pitch and suffered a broken left arm.

The Warriors play Three Rivers in a double-header today that starts at 1 p.m.

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EC Warriors fall to 7-8 with Three Rivers on tap

By **MARTY STAMPER**

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors suffered through a 1-5 week on the baseball diamond last week, but did put a 10-run whipping on previously-undefeated Gulf Coast.

The good news is that the Warriors have road trips to South Division powers Gulf Coast and Pearl River out of the way.

The Warriors host the traditionally-strong Raiders of Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff, Mo., in a five-game series this weekend. The teams open play Thursday with a single game at 5 p.m. with doubleheaders set for 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

EC takes a 7-8 record into the series.

"Our pitching has been very good, but it takes more than that to win and we aren't getting the other things," ECCC head coach Jamie Clark said.

EC was no-hit and two-hit in last week's games and key defensive lapses resulted in one loss.

ECCC 10-1, GULF COAST 0-3: The Warriors split a South Division doubleheader at Perkinson on March 8. Jason Wilkins (3-1) tossed

a one-hitter and struck out nine as EC knocked off the previously-undefeated Bulldogs in the opener. Kenyon Gardner had a grand slam and Brooks Bryan went 3-for-4 to pace the Warriors. Chris Bond had a single and a double, while Dusty Ivey had two singles.

Gulf Coast took the nightcap behind Doug Thompson's five-hitter. EC's only run came on a second inning home run by Kevin Nelson. Ricky John had a pair of singles for the Warriors.

Thompson improved to 3-0, while Mitch Covington (0-2) took the loss.

BOSSIER PARISH 5-6, ECCC 0-4: The Cavaliers took a pair of games from the Warriors Thursday in Decatur. Michael Whitlow tossed a no-hitter for Bossier in the opener. Brandel Russell (0-1) took the loss.

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth in the nightcap, EC loaded the bases with only one out but was able to score just one run.

After the Cavaliers took a 6-4 lead in the top of the eighth, EC had the tying run at second base but was unable to come up with the key hit.

Warrior starter Hank Thoms (1-1) took the loss, despite holding the defending Region 23 runnerup Cavaliers to four runs in 7-plus innings.



East Central third baseman Raymond Johnson (left) of Philadelphia tags out a Bossier Parish runner in a rundown in Thursday's second game of a doubleheader in Decatur. EC is hosting Three Rivers of Poplar Bluff, Mo., in five-game series, Thursday-Saturday. The Warriors are out to snap a five-game losing skid.

EC fell to 7-6, while Bossier improved to 8-9.

PEARL RIVER 7-5, ECCC 2-0: The Warriors dropped both games of a South Division doubleheader at Poplarville Saturday.

Pearl River led 7-0 in the opener before EC's Ron Cook broke up the shutout with a homer in the top of the seventh. EC stranded 10 runners in the setback. Brooks Bryan (1-2) took the loss.

Mitch Covington fell to 0-3 in the nightcap as the Warriors failed to cross the plate.

EC fell to 7-8 overall and 1-3 in the South Division with the two losses.

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Tournament Champs... The Diamond Warriors of East Central Community College began the 1995 season by winning the ECCC/Rush Sports Medicine Tournament which included teams from Wallace State, Beville and Jones County Junior College. East Central posted a perfect 3-0 mark against the three visiting teams and received the above trophy following the two-day competition. Pictured during the trophy presentation are ECCC officials Sammy Pace, athletic coordinator; Ricky Harrison, assistant baseball coach; and team members Jason Wilkins, a sophomore hurler from Enterprise, and Chris Bond, a sophomore catcher from Hickory.

(EC Photo)

Cheerleader tryouts at EC

Tryouts for East Central Community College's 1995-96 cheerleading squads will be held March 29 on the Decatur campus, announced Mrs. Virginia Pace, sponsor. Mrs. Pace said tryouts are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Prior to the tryouts, Mrs. Pace

said a mandatory meeting of all cheerleader candidates is slated for 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at Brackeen-Wood. During this time, procedures pertaining to the tryouts will be explained and routines will be taught.

Students selected on the college's cheerleading squads receive a

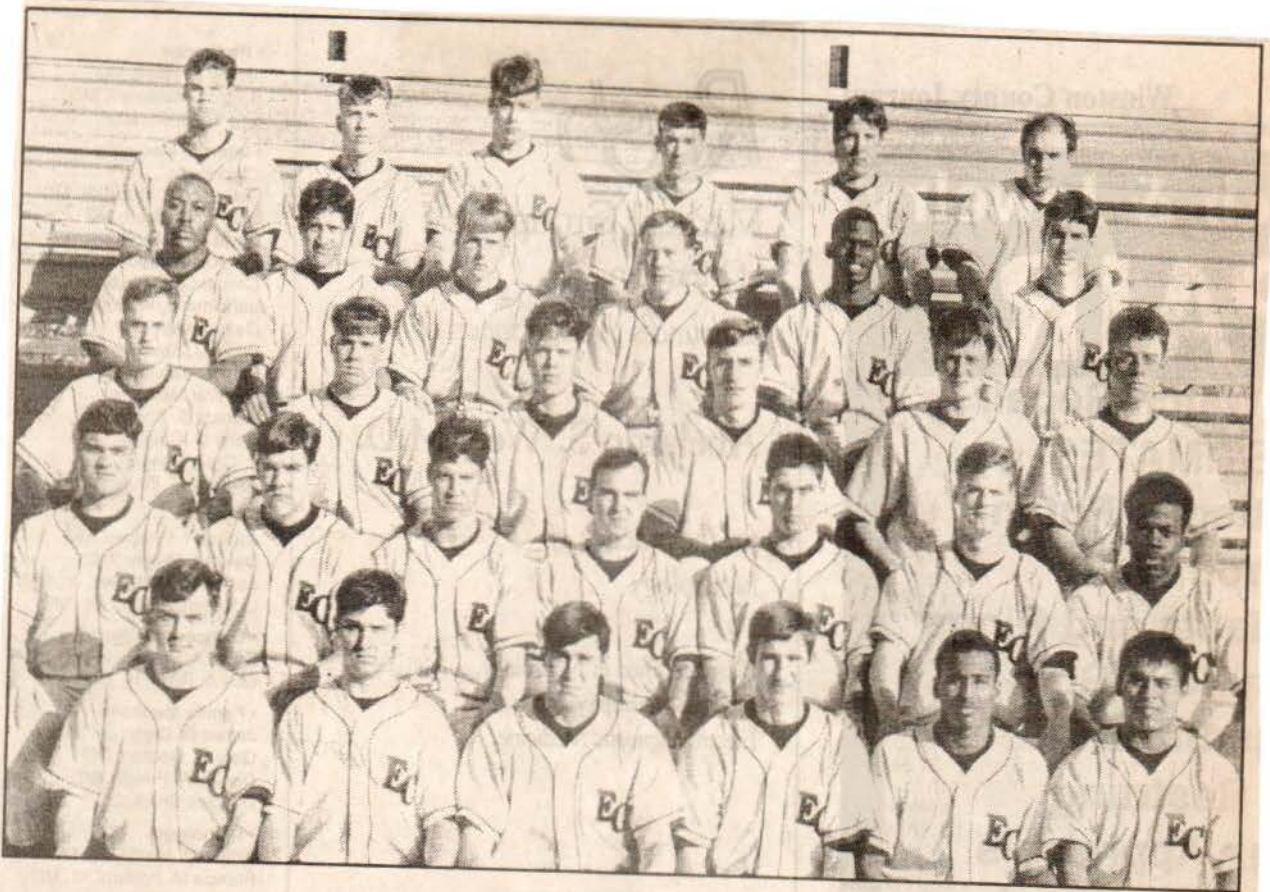
\$450.00 tuition scholarship for each semester served. In addition to the selection of football and basketball cheerleaders, male yell leaders and a mascot will be chosen.

For additional information contact Mrs. Virginia Pace, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.

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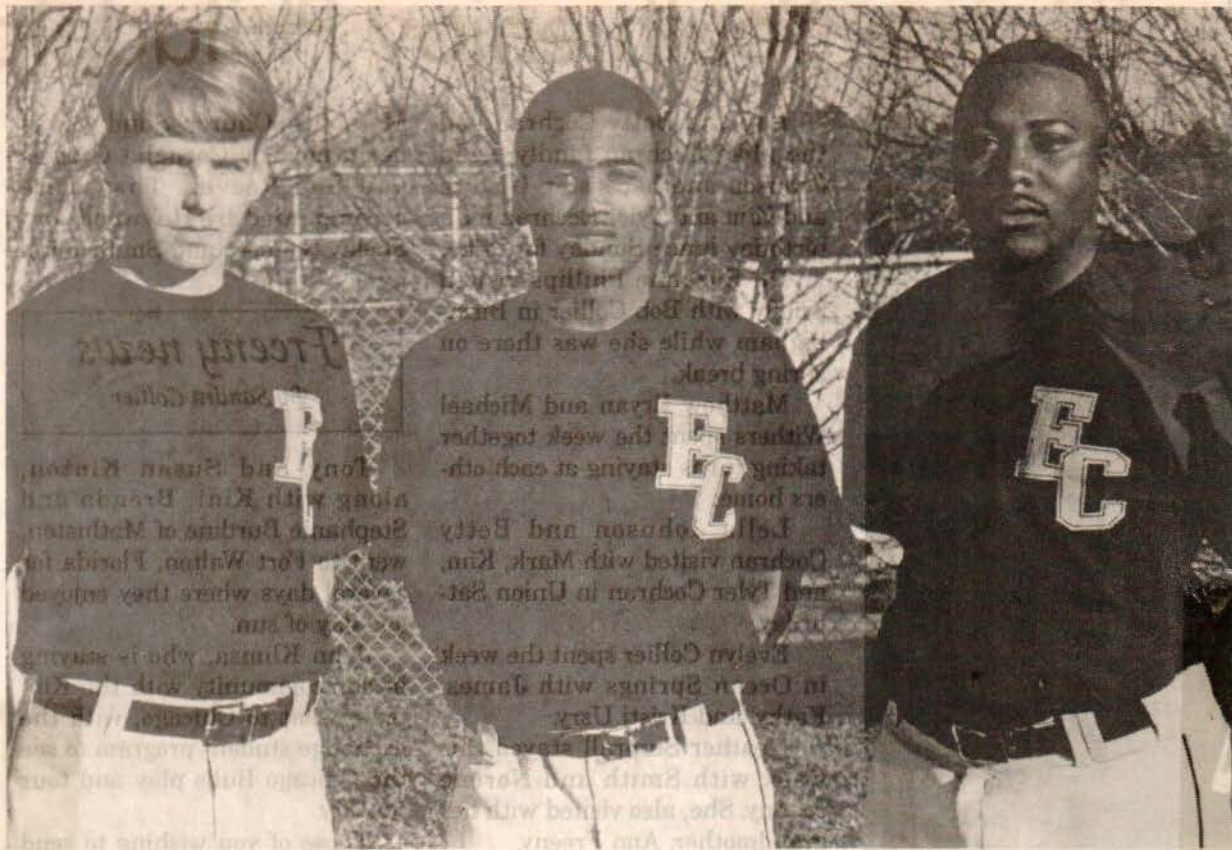
ECCC Baseball team selected — Members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign are, first row, from left, Brooks Bryan; Chris Ezelle; Mike Hammack; Shane McGee; Ron Cook; Ricky John; second row, from left, Chris Bond; Kevin Nelson; Willis Lally; Chad Ardoin; Jason Wilkins; Mitch Covington; Greg McBrayer; third row, from left, Matt Smith; Chad Lewis; Craig Vowell; Bucky Davis; Todd Reeves; Dusty Ivy; fourth row, from left, Kenyon Gardner; Tony Perozo; Justin Schmidt; Joey Rigdon; Germaine Chambers, Noxapater; Mark Davis; and top row, from left, Tommy Bost; Brandel Russell; Hank Thoms; Cary Lambert; Raymond Johnson and Wil McLeod of Louisville.

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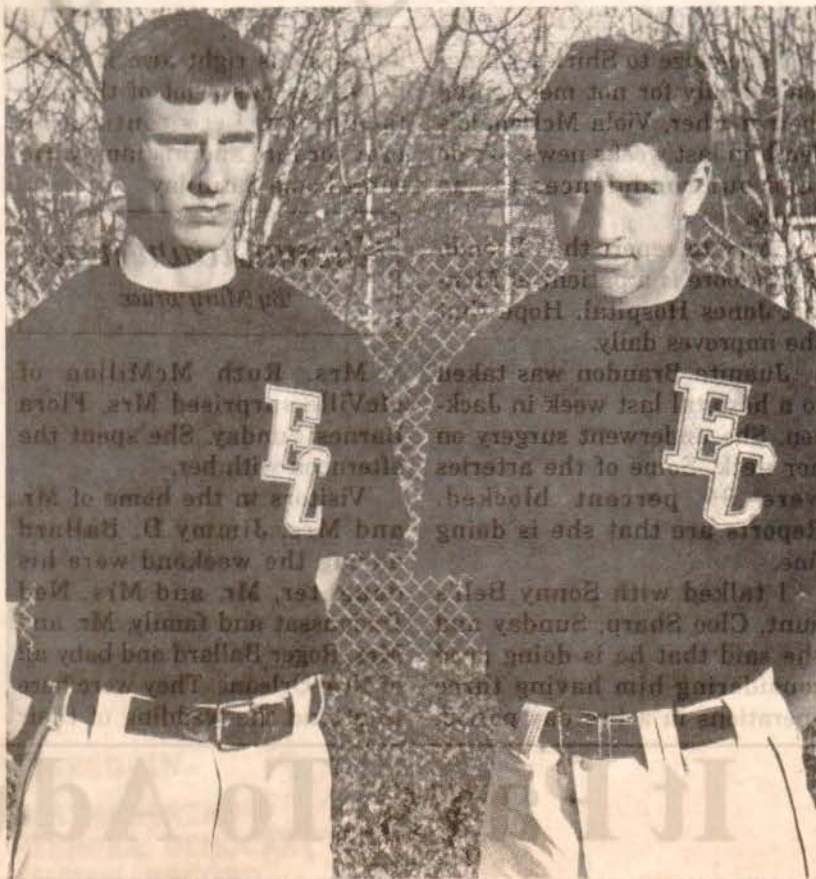
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ECCC Diamond Warriors

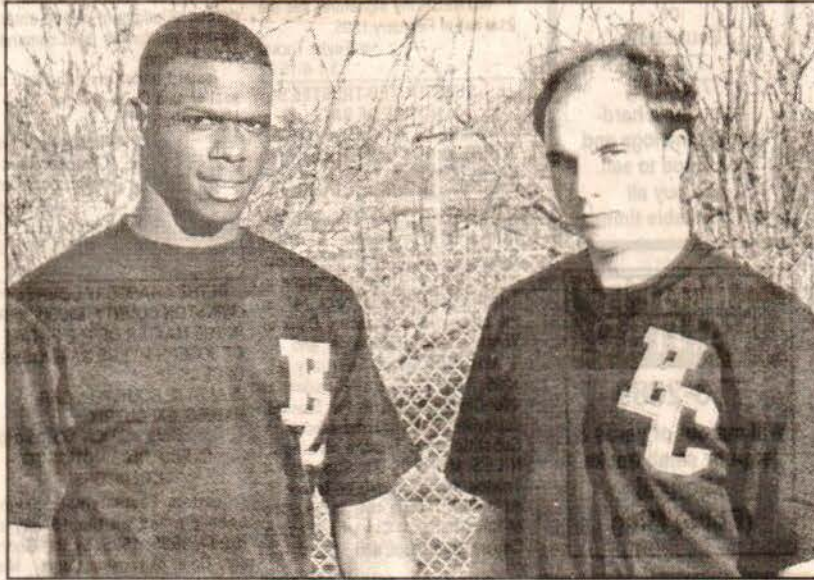
These student athletes from Leake County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign. From left are center fielders Justin Schmidt

and Ron Cook, both of Carthage, and first baseman Kenyon Gardner of Walnut Grove. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.



ECCC players

Third baseman Shane McGee, left, of Lena and Tony Perozo of Lake are members of the 1995 East Central Community College baseball team from the area.



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Chambers, McLeod to play with ECCC Warriors — Pitcher Germaine Chambers, left of Noxapater and catcher Will McLeod of Louisville are Winston County members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.

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DONATES TO DIAMOND WARRIORS - The baseball program at East Central Community College received a financial boost thanks to a \$500 contribution made by Sunflower Food Store in Newton. Sunflower bookkeeper Justin Mills (left) is shown making the presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president and Jamie Clark, head baseball coach. (EC Photo)

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ECCC PITCHING STAFF - Pitchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (front row, from left) Germaine Chambers, Noxapater; Tony Perozo, Lake; Joey Rigdon, Decatur; Willis Lally, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; Jason Wilkins, Enterprise; Mitch Covington, Denham Springs, Louisiana; and (back row, from left) Hank Thoms, Newton; Brandel Russell, Little Rock; Mark Davis, Enterprise; Craig Vowell, Philadelphia; Todd Reeves, Decatur; and Brooks Bryan, Philadelphia. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)

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ECCC OUTFIELDERS - Outfielders on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (front row, from left) Greg McBride of Newton, Ron Cook of Carthage, Dusty Ivey of Hickory and (back row, from left) Chad Lewis of Little rock, Brooks Bryan and Tommy Bost, both of Philadelphia; Justin Schmidt of Carthage and Kennon Gardner of Walnut Grove. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)



ECCC SLUGGERS - expected to provide plenty of offensive power for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors this season are (from left) right fielder Tommy Bost and center fielder Brooks Bryan, both of Philadelphia; left fielder Greg McBride, Newton; first baseman Kevin Nelson, Clinton; right fielder Dusty Ivey, Hickory; first baseman Kenyon Gardner, Walnut Grove; catcher Will McLeod, Louisville; and catcher Chris Bond, Hickory. The ECCC squad is coached by Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)

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East Central finds cure in Three Rivers

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors broke out of a five-game losing skid with a four-game sweep of the Three Rivers Raiders from Poplar Bluff, Mo., in last week's baseball action.

EC improved to 11-8, while Three Rivers fell to 6-10 on the year and 3-9 on their southern tour that included games with Meridian, Muscatine (Iowa), and Florida powers Pensacola and Okaloosa-Walton.

"It gave us a big, big lift," EC head coach Jamie Clark said of the four wins, "and it was needed after a five-game losing streak. We went three games in the series without making an error."

EQCC 2, THREE RIVERS 1: Jason Wilkins (4-1) struck out 11 and did not allow a walk as the Warriors took a one-run win in the nine-inning series opener on Thursday. Wilkins allowed only five hits as EC evened its record at 8-8.

Ron Cook was hit by a pitch and scored on a double by Hank Thoms as EC broke up a scoreless battle in the bottom of the fifth.

Tommy Bost gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead in the seventh when he walked and came home on a single by Ricky John.

EC's only other hit was a single by Kevin Nelson.

EQCC 8-3, THREE RIVERS 0-2: The Warriors got a three-hit shutout from Hank Thoms in the opener of Friday's doubleheader sweep.

Thoms (2-1) struck out nine and walked four in keeping the Missouri squad off the scoreboard.

Brooks Bryan led EC's offense with two singles and a double. Chris Ezelle, Ron Cook, Kenyon Gardner, and Will McLeod each had one single.

Bryan had a two-run double in the first inning and a one-run single in the fifth. He ended the contest by throwing out a Raider at the plate from center field.

Randy Jackson (1-2) took the loss.

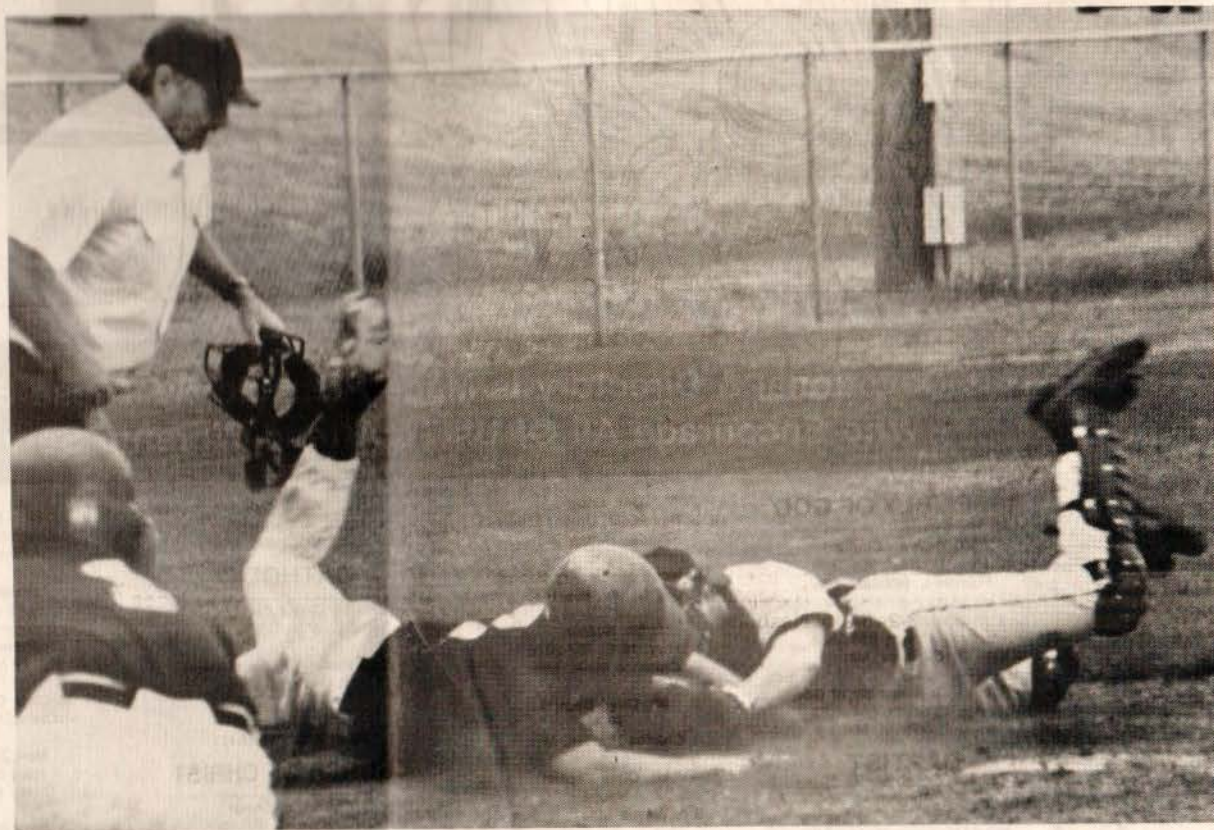
In the nightcap, Chris Bond had a two-run single in the fourth to erase a 1-0 deficit on a home run by Aaron New of the Raiders. New tied the game at 2-2 with a solo homer in the sixth.

Cook drove in the winning run with a double in the bottom of the seventh as EC completed the sweep.

Mark Davis (1-0) got the win with an inning of relief of starter Mitch Covington. Bryan Bagley (1-1) took the loss.

EC improved to 10-8 with the sweep, while the Raiders dipped to 6-9.

EQCC 19, THREE RIVERS 15: The Warriors racked up 12 runs in the first inning and then held on late to



East Central catcher Will McLeod tags a Three Rivers runner at the plate for the final out in the Warriors's 8-0 win Friday. Brooks Bryan's throw from center field preserved the shutout.

complete the four-game sweep. Ron Cook had a single and a double in the inning to drive in a pair of runs.

"When you get 12 in the first, it takes a lot of the pressure off," EC coach Jamie Clark said.

EC had spotted the Raiders a 3-0 lead in the top of the first with two coming on yet another home run by Aaron New.

The Warriors held a 15-6 advantage through six frames after a two-run single by Kevin Nelson and a solo homer by Kenyon Gardner.

A three-run double by Brooks Bryan in the seventh extended the lead to 19-7.

Joey Rigdon (2-0) got the win, while Bill Collyott (1-2) took the loss as he gave up 11 runs in only a third

of an inning.

Cook went 4-for-5 with two singles, a double, and a triple. Gardner was 3-for-4 with two doubles to go with his homer. Nelson was 3-for-3 with two singles and a double. Bryan and Ricky John both had a single and a double.

LeRoy McCauley had a 5-for-6 afternoon to lead Three Rivers.

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Warriors sweep Raiders

By **Albert Crowther**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The weather warmed Saturday afternoon.

So did the East Central Community College baseball team.

The Warriors picked up their fourth consecutive victory over visiting Three Rivers Community College, winning a 19-15 slugfest.

East Central improved to 11-8 while the Raiders fell to 6-10.

Three Rivers scored first, getting three runs in the top of the first inning, thanks in part to a two-run home run by Aaron New.

ECCC came back in the bottom of the inning and scored 12 runs as 16 Warriors went to the plate.

Ron Cook had two hits in the inning, a double and single, and two RBI.

"Cook and (Kenyon) Gardner have great bat speed," ECCC coach Jamie Clark said. "Both teams hit the ball well today."

The Raiders narrowed the lead to 12-4 on an RBI-single by LeRoy McCauley in the top of the second.

The Raiders scored two more runs in the top of the fifth on a two-run home run by Jason South to cut the ECCC lead to 12-6.

The Warriors scored two runs in the bottom of the inning to increase their lead to 14-6, thanks to a two-run single from Kevin Nelson.

ECCC scored a run in the bottom of the sixth on a solo homer by Gardner to increase its lead to 15-6.

"ECCC has good pitching, a couple of runners with good speed and good defense," Three Rivers coach Stacey Burkey said. "They are a solid ball team."

Three Rivers cut the lead to 15-7 on an RBI-single by Jeremy Quire in the top of the seventh.

East Central scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to increase the score to 19-7. Brooks Bryan belted a three-run double with the bases loaded to spark the scoring.

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The Raiders got five runs in the top of the eighth on two hits. McCauley blasted a two-run single to cut the ECCC lead to 19-12.

The Raiders scored three runs in the top of the ninth on a bases-loaded double by South to get to the final score.

East Central had 19 hits and Three Rivers had 13.

Joey Rigdon got the win on

the mound for East Central. Bill Collyott (1-2) suffered the loss, allowing 11 runs on eight hits in two-thirds of an inning walking only one.

Cook led ECCC by going 4-for-5 with a triple, a double, two singles and two RBI.

Gardner was 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and two RBI. Nelson was 3-for-3 with a double, two singles and two RBI.

Ricky John and Bryan were each 2-for-5 with a double and single. Bryan added three

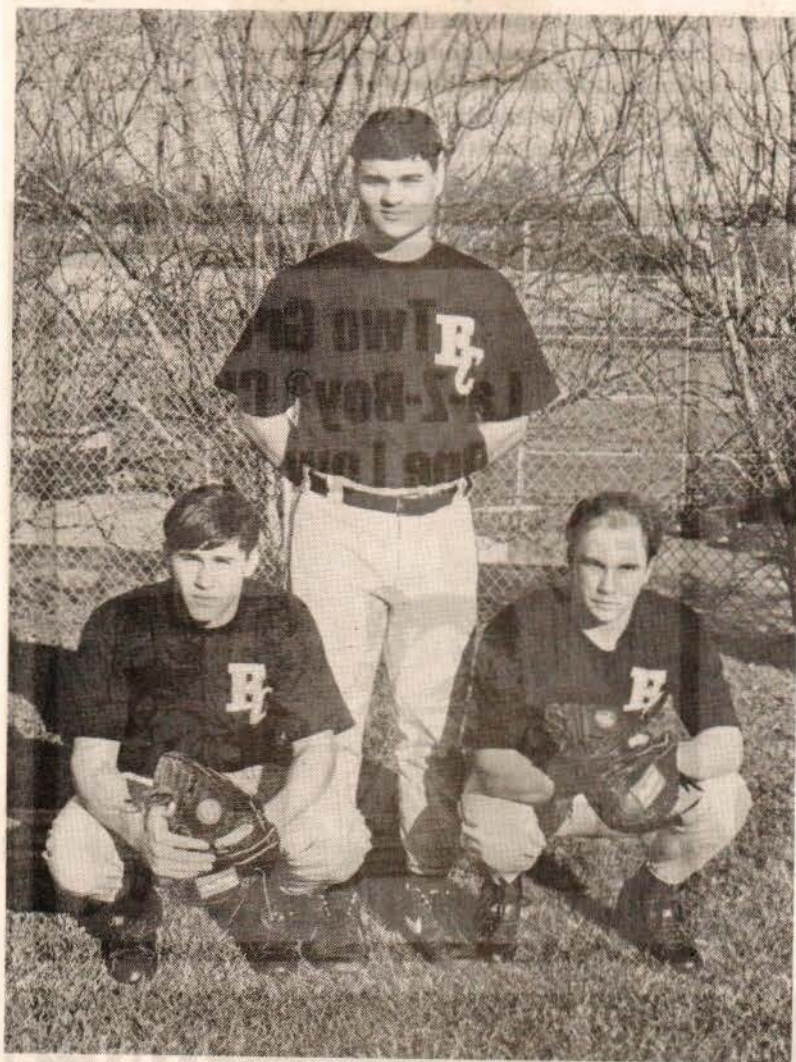
RBI.

The Raiders were led by McCauley, who was 5-for-6 — all singles — with three RBI. South was 3-for-6 with a two-run homer, a double, a single and six RBI. Quire was 3-for-4, New was 2-for-4 with a two-run home run, a single and two RBI.

ECCC takes the field again Wednesday at home at 4 p.m. against Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Three Rivers ended its 12 game road trip at 3-9.

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ECCC Catchers... Catchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (from left) Mike Hammack of Brusly, Louisiana; Chris Bond of Hickory and Will McLeod of Louisville. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.

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Doubleheader loss at Southwest dims EC's faint playoff hopes

By **MARTY STAMPER**
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors fell to 2-6 in the South Division and 13-11 overall as they dropped a pair of games at Southwest Saturday after splitting a league twinbill with Copiah-Lincoln earlier in the week.

COPIAH-LINCOLN 11-0, ECCC 0-6: The Warriors needed a three-hit shutout from Jason Wilkins in the nightcap to salvage a split with Col-Lin last Wednesday in Decatur.

Wilkins (5-1) has thrown three of EC's four shutouts this spring. He struck out six Wolves.

Brooks Bryan had a double and a home run to drive in three runs for the Warriors.

Ricky John got EC on the scoreboard when he singled home Chad Ardoin in the bottom of the third.

Greg McBride had an RBI-single in the fourth and Bryan's two-run double gave the Warriors a 4-0 lead. Ardoin, Kenyon Gardner, and Chris Bond each had a single.

Brad Harville (3-3) took the loss.

The Wolves took control of the five-inning opener early, scoring five runs in the top of the second frame.

EC's only three hits were singles by Bryan, Ricky John and Chris Ezelle.

Hank Thoms (2-2) took the loss.

Brian Richardson (4-2) got the win. He had no-hit Bossier Parish in a 1-0 win in his previous outing.

Brothers Mark and Jamie Jones led the Wolves. Mark had three singles and a home run, while Jamie had a single, a double, and a homer.

EC's record went to 12-9 overall and 3-4 in the South Division, while Col-Lin's went to 11-10 and 2-4.

ECCC vs. JACKSON (TENN.) STATE trailing 9-8 after giving up a pair of runs in the top of the ninth inning, Jimmy Bost tied the game with a single that scored Kevin Nelson. A two-handed walk to Ricky John

after a walk to Kenyon Gardner and a single by Shane McGee forced in Bost with the winning run.

John went 3-for-4 as the Warriors improved to 13-9. Brooks Bryan got the win in relief to even his record at 2-2. He was also 2-for-4 at the plate.

SOUTHWEST 4-6, ECCC 2-3: The Warriors' playoff hopes dimmed considerably with Saturday's double losses at Summit.

In the opener, EC led 2-0 through four innings, but a three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth gave the Bears the win. Mitch Covington (0-4) took the loss.

Southwest had nine hits to three for the Warriors.

The Bears jumped on Willis Lally (1-1) for three runs in the bottom of the first inning to take the nightcap. Southwest led 6-1 before EC scored twice in the top of the seventh.

Brooks Bryan of Philadelphia has been one of the top hitters at East Central this spring.



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Covington hurls one-hitter

East Central rolls to doubleheader sweep of IWCC

By **Mark Beason**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The Blue Jay's of Iowa Western Community College wanted to take advantage of Mississippi's climate to hone their baseball skills.

They still need more work. East Central got a strong one-hit performance from pitcher Mitch Covington in the first game of a doubleheader and received timely hitting in the second contest to sweep Iowa Western 8-0 and 9-5 Tuesday in Decatur.

East Central improved to 15-11 while Iowa Western fell to 6-6.

Covington (1-0), a freshman from Denham Springs, La., was devastating, going six innings, striking out six and walking just two. He faced the minimum number of batters.

"Mitch Covington came out tonight and threw great," Warriors' coach Jamie Clark said. "He has done a great job of making the transition from high school to college."

The Warriors got on the board in the bottom of the third inning.

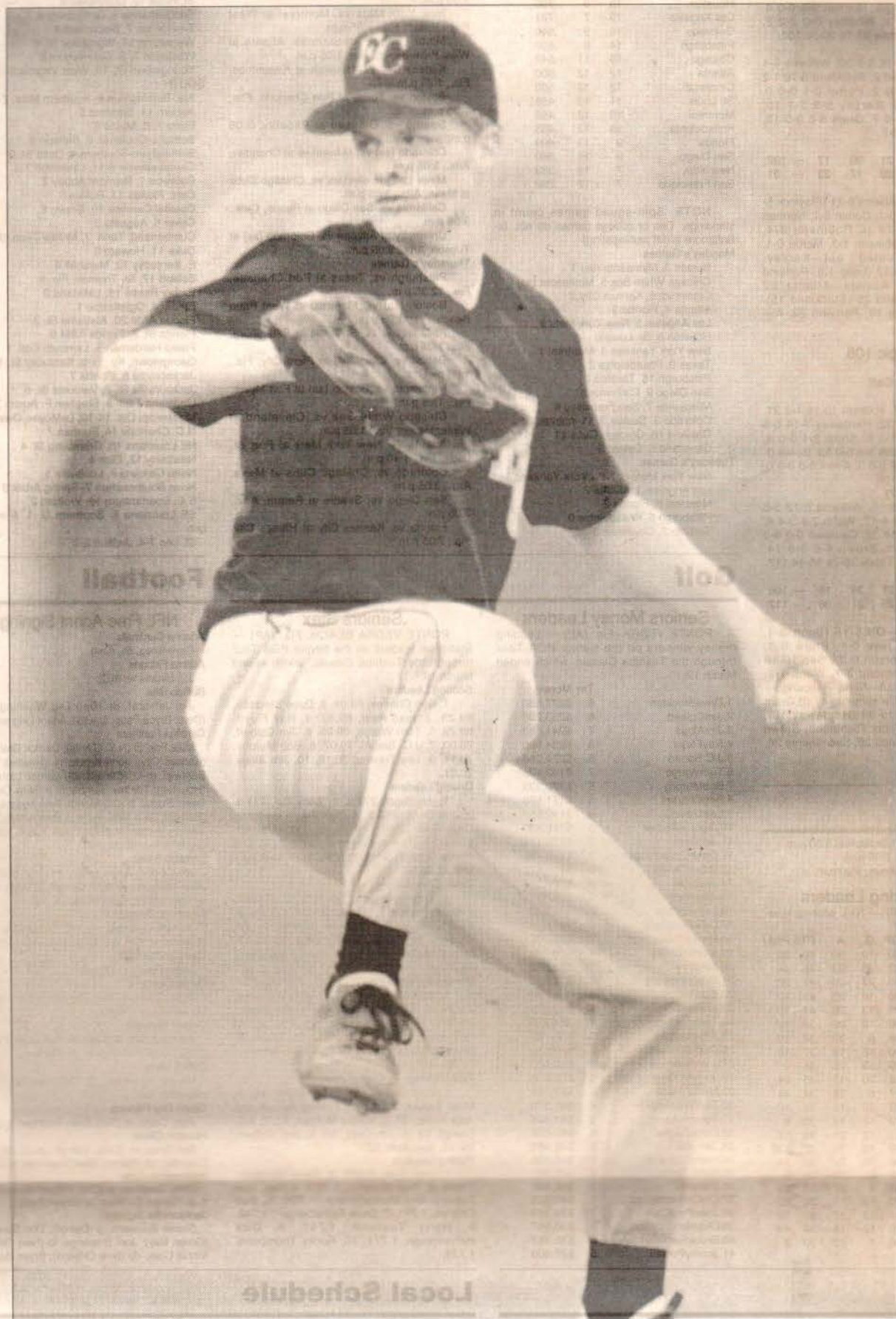
After Chris Ezelle walked and Ricky John singled, sophomore center fielder Brooks Bryan singled home Ezelle.

John and Bryan also came around to score in the inning to give East Central a 3-0 lead.

The Warriors picked up three more in the fourth, sparked by back-to-back doubles from Kenyon Gardner and Hank Thomas.

In the last half of the sixth inning after a couple of costly errors by Iowa Western, East Central scored two more runs to finish out the scoring.

"The kid (Covington) came out and pitched great," Blue Jays' coach Noel Bogdanski



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ECCC rallies to beat Jackson

Jackson (Tenn.) State Community Collage has fallen on hard times.

And things didn't get any easier Friday night at East Central Community College came back to beat the Generals 10-9.

East Central's Tommy Bost was walked in with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to seal the win at Chris Gay, IV Field.

The Warriors (13-9) were down by one, 9-8, in the bottom of the ninth when Bost hit a run-scoring double that plated Kevin Nelson to tie the game at 9-9.

After a walk to Kenyon Gardner, Shane McGee singled to load the bases for Ricky John, the Warrior leadoff batter. John took General pitcher Cary Hiles to a full count before taking a ball low to send Bost home for the game-winner.

"We got three hits in the ninth inning to set us up for the win," Warriors coach Jamie Clark said.

John went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI to pace the Warriors at the plate.

"We have found tough ways to lose all week," Generals coach Bubba Cates said. "But we have gone out and played the best Mississippi has to offer."

East Central held a 5-1 lead going into the top of the fifth but the Generals rallied with a three-run inning on four hits to pull to within 5-4.

The Warriors picked up a run in the top of sixth but fell apart defensively, committing four errors, as the Generals tied the game at 6-6. The Warriors committed 10 errors on the night, a hard fact to swallow for Clark.

"We have had a real tough year catching and throwing," Clark said.

East Central held a one-run lead heading into the final frame at 8-7 but again the defense failed the Warriors as the Generals took a 9-8 lead on an East Central throwing error.

"It wasn't pretty but it was a win," Clark said. "The win is what counts."

Brooks Bryan (2-2) finished out the ninth to pick up his second win of the year. The former Philadelphia High standout was also 2-for-4 at the plate. Hiles took the loss for the Generals.

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ECCC rallies to beat Jackson

Jackson (Tenn.) State Community Collage has fallen on hard times.

And things didn't get any easier Friday night at East Central Community College came back to beat the Generals 10-9.

East Central's Tommy Bost was walked in with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to seal the win at Chris Gay, IV Field.

The Warriors (13-9) were down by one, 9-8, in the bottom of the ninth when Bost hit a run-scoring double that plated Kevin Nelson to tie the game at 9-9.

After a walk to Kenyon Gardner, Shane McGee singled to load the bases for Ricky John, the Warrior leadoff batter. John took General pitcher Cary Hiles to a full count before taking a ball low to send Bost home for the game-winner.

"We got three hits in the ninth inning to set us up for the win," Warriors coach Jamie Clark said.

John went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI to pace the Warriors at the plate.

"We have found tough ways to lose all week," Generals coach Bubba Cates said. "But we have gone out and played the best Mississippi has to offer."

East Central held a 5-1 lead going into the top of the fifth but the Generals rallied with a three-run inning on four hits to pull to within 5-4.

The Warriors picked up a run in the top of sixth but fell apart defensively, committing four errors, as the Generals tied the game at 6-6. The Warriors committed 10 errors on the night, a hard fact to swallow for Clark.

"We have had a real tough year catching and throwing," Clark said.

East Central held a one-run lead heading into the final frame at 8-7 but again the defense failed the Warriors as the Generals took a 9-8 lead on an East Central throwing error.

"It wasn't pretty but it was a win," Clark said. "The win is what counts."

Brooks Bryan (2-2) finished out the ninth to pick up his second win of the year. The former Philadelphia High standout was also 2-for-4 at the plate. Hiles took the loss for the Generals.

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Covington hurls one-hitter

East Central rolls to doubleheader sweep of IWCC

By **Mark Beason**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The Blue Jay's of Iowa Western Community College wanted to take advantage of Mississippi's climate to hone their baseball skills.

They still need more work. East Central got a strong one-hit performance from pitcher Mitch Covington in the first game of a doubleheader and received timely hitting in the second contest to sweep Iowa Western 8-0 and 9-5 Tuesday in Decatur.

East Central improved to 15-11 while Iowa Western fell to 6-6.

Covington (1-0), a freshman from Denham Springs, La., was devastating, going six innings, striking out six and walking just two. He faced the minimum number of batters.

"Mitch Covington came out tonight and threw great," Warriors' coach Jamie Clark said. "He has done a great job of making the transition from high school to college."

The Warriors got on the board in the bottom of the third inning.

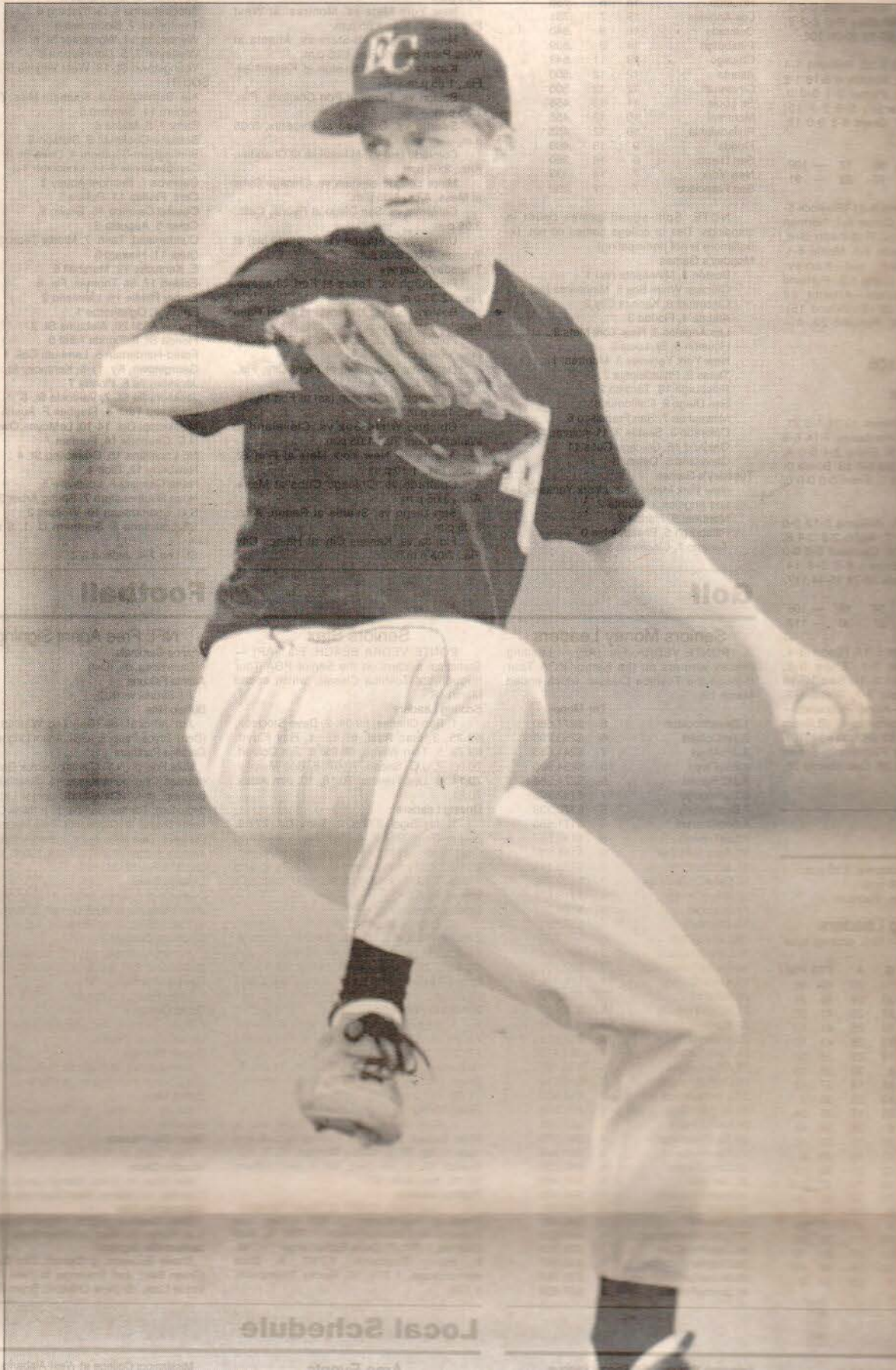
After Chris Ezelle walked and Ricky John singled, sophomore center fielder Brooks Bryan singled home Ezelle.

John and Bryan also came around to score in the inning to give East Central a 3-0 lead.

The Warriors picked up three more in the fourth, sparked by back-to-back doubles from Kenyon Gardner and Hank Thane.

In the last half of the game, errors by Iowa Western. East Central scored two more runs to finish out the scoring.

"The kid (Covington) came out and pitched great," Blue Jays' coach Noel Bogdanski said. "They made the plays



Local Schedule

Doubleheader loss at Southwest dims EC's faint playoff hopes

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors fell to 2-6 in the South Division and 13-11 overall as they dropped a pair of games at Southwest Saturday after splitting a league twinbill with Copiah-Lincoln earlier in the week.

COPIAH-LINCOLN 11-0, ECCC 0-6: The Warriors needed a three-hit shutout from Jason Wilkins in the nightcap to salvage a split with CoLin last Wednesday in Decatur.

Wilkins (5-1) has thrown three of EC's four shutouts this spring. He struck out six Wolves.

Brooks Bryan had a double and a home run to drive in three runs for the Warriors.

Ricky John got EC on the scoreboard when he singled home Chad Ardoin in the bottom of the third.

Greg McBride had an RBI-single in the fourth and Bryan's two-run double gave the Warriors a 4-0 lead. Ardoin, Kenyon Gardner, and Chris Bond each had a single.

Brad Harville (3-3) took the loss.

The Wolves took control of the five-inning opener early, scoring five runs in the top of the second frame.

EC's only three hits were singles by Bryan, Ricky John and Chris Belle.

Hank Thoms (2-2) took the loss.

Brian Richardson (4-2) got the win. He had no-hit Bossier Parish in a 3-0 win in his previous outing.

Brothers Mark and Jamie Jones of the Wolves. Mark had three singles and a home run, while Jamie had a single, a double, and a homer.

EC's record went to 12-9 overall at 2-4 in the South Division, while Wilkins went to 11-10 and 2-4.

ECCC vs. JACKSON (TENN.) STATE trailing 3-4 after giving up a pair of runs in the top of the ninth inning, Jimmy Bost tied the game with a home run that scored Kevin Nelson. A walk led to Ricky John

after a walk to Kenyon Gardner and a single by Shane McGee forced in Bost with the winning run.

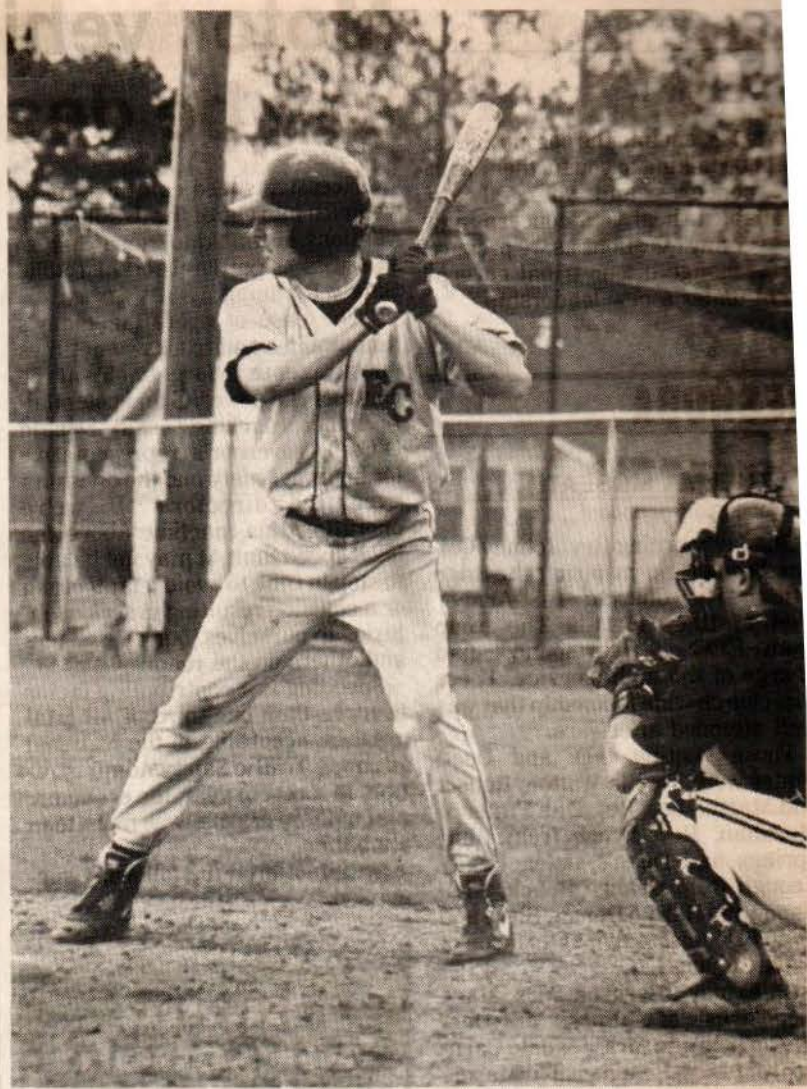
John went 3-for-4 as the Warriors improved to 13-9. Brooks Bryan got the win in relief to even his record at 2-2. He was also 2-for-4 at the plate.

SOUTHWEST 4-6, ECCC 2-3: The Warriors' playoff hopes dimmed considerably with Saturday's double losses at Summit.

In the opener, EC led 2-0 through four innings, but a three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth gave the Bears the win. Mitch Covington (0-4) took the loss.

Southwest had nine hits to three for the Warriors.

The Bears jumped on Willis Lally (1-1) for three runs in the bottom of the first inning to take the nightcap. Southwest led 6-1 before EC scored twice in the top of the seventh.

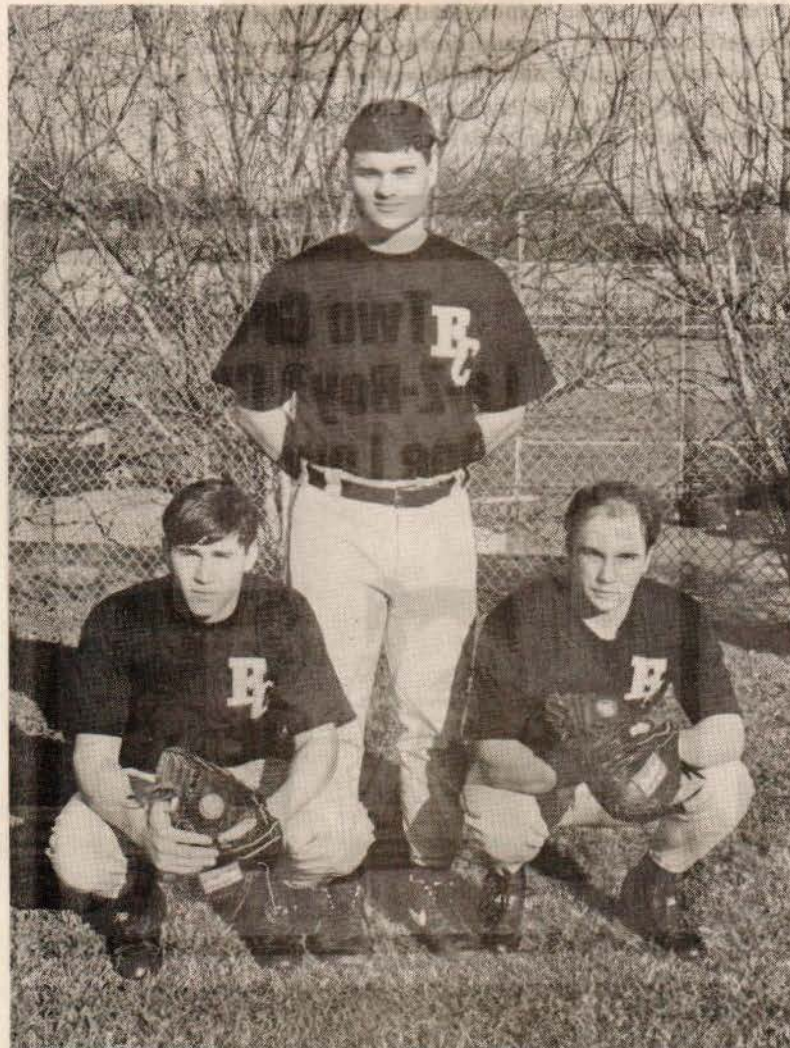


Brooks Bryan of Philadelphia has been one of the top hitters at East Central this spring.

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ECCC Catchers... Catchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (from left) Mike Hammack of Brusly, Louisiana; Chris Bond of Hickory and Will McLeod of Louisville. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.

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Warriors sweep Raiders

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The weather warmed Saturday afternoon.

So did the East Central Community College baseball team.

The Warriors picked up their fourth consecutive victory over visiting Three Rivers Community College, winning a 19-15 slugfest.

East Central improved to 11-8 while the Raiders fell to 6-10.

Three Rivers scored first, getting three runs in the top of the first inning, thanks in part to a two-run home run by Aaron New.

ECCC came back in the bottom of the inning and scored 12 runs as 16 Warriors went to the plate.

Ron Cook had two hits in the inning, a double and single, and two RBI.

"Cook and (Kenyon) Gardner have great bat speed," ECCC coach Jamie Clark said. "Both teams hit the ball well today."

The Raiders narrowed the lead to 12-4 on an RBI-single by LeRoy McCauley in the top of the second.

The Raiders scored two more runs in the top of the fifth on a two-run home run by Jason South to cut the ECCC lead to 12-6.

The Warriors scored two runs in the bottom of the inning to increase their lead to 14-6, thanks to a two-run single from Kevin Nelson.

ECCC scored a run in the bottom of the sixth on a solo homer by Gardner to increase its lead to 15-6.

"ECCC has good pitching, a couple of runners with good speed and good defense," Three Rivers coach Stacey Burkey said. "They are a solid ball team."

Three Rivers cut the lead to 15-7 on an RBI-single by Jeremy Quire in the top of the seventh.

East Central scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to increase the score to 19-7. Brooks Bryan belted a three-run double with the bases loaded to spark the scoring.

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The Raiders got five runs in the top of the eighth on two hits. McCauley blasted a two-run single to cut the ECCC lead to 19-12.

The Raiders scored three runs in the top of the ninth on a bases-loaded double by South to get to the final score.

East Central had 19 hits and Three Rivers had 13.

Joey Rigdon got the win on

the mound for East Central. Bill Collyott (1-2) suffered the loss, allowing 11 runs on eight hits in two-thirds of an inning walking only one.

Cook led ECCC by going 4-for-5 with a triple, a double, two singles and two RBI.

Gardner was 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and two RBI. Nelson was 3-for-3 with a double, two singles and two RBI.

Ricky John and Bryan were each 2-for-5 with a double and single. Bryan added three

RBI.

The Raiders were led by McCauley, who was 5-for-6 — all singles — with three RBI. South was 3-for-6 with a two-run homer, a double, a single and six RBI. Quire was 3-for-4, New was 2-for-4 with a two-run home run, a single and two RBI.

ECCC takes the field again Wednesday at home at 4 p.m. against Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Three Rivers ended its 12 game road trip at 3-9.

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East Central finds cure in Three Rivers

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors broke out of a five-game losing skid with a four-game sweep of the Three Rivers Raiders from Poplar Bluff, Mo., in last week's baseball action.

EC improved to 11-8, while Three Rivers fell to 6-10 on the year and 3-9 on their southern tour that included games with Meridian, Muscatine (Iowa), and Florida powers Pensacola and Okaloosa-Walton.

"It gave us a big, big lift," EC head coach Jamie Clark said of the four wins, "and it was needed after a five-game losing streak. We went three games in the series without making an error."

EC 2, THREE RIVERS 1: Jason Wilkins (4-1) struck out 11 and did not allow a walk as the Warriors took a one-run win in the nine-inning series opener on Thursday. Wilkins allowed only five hits as EC evened its record at 8-8.

Ron Cook was hit by a pitch and scored on a double by Hank Thoms as EC broke up a scoreless battle in the bottom of the fifth.

Tommy Bost gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead in the seventh when he walked and came home on a single by Ricky John.

EC's only other hit was a single by Kevin Nelson.

EQCC 8-3, THREE RIVERS 0-2: The Warriors got a three-hit shutout from Hank Thoms in the opener of Friday's doubleheader sweep.

Thoms (2-1) struck out nine and walked four in keeping the Missouri squad off the scoreboard.

Brooks Bryan led EC's offense with two singles and a double. Chris Ezelle, Ron Cook, Kenyon Gardner, and Will McLeod each had one single.

Bryan had a two-run double in the first inning and a one-run single in the fifth. He ended the contest by throwing out a Raider at the plate from center field.

Randy Jackson (1-2) took the loss.

In the nightcap, Chris Bond had a two-run single in the fourth to erase a 1-0 deficit on a home run by Aaron New of the Raiders. New tied the game at 2-2 with a solo homer in the sixth.

Cook drove in the winning run with a double in the bottom of the seventh as EC completed the sweep.

Mark Davis (1-0) got the win with an inning of relief of starter Mitch Covington. Bryan Bagley (1-1) took the loss.

EC improved to 10-8 with the sweep, while the Raiders dipped to 6-9.

EQCC 19, THREE RIVERS 15: The Warriors racked up 12 runs in the first inning and then held on late to



East Central catcher Will McLeod tags a Three Rivers runner at the plate for the final out in the Warriors's 8-0 win Friday. Brooks Bryan's throw from center field preserved the shutout.

complete the four-game sweep. Ron Cook had a single and a double in the inning to drive in a pair of runs.

"When you get 12 in the first, it takes a lot of the pressure off," EC coach Jamie Clark said.

EC had spotted the Raiders a 3-0 lead in the top of the first with two coming on yet another home run by Aaron New.

The Warriors held a 15-6 advantage through six frames after a two-run single by Kevin Nelson and a solo homer by Kenyon Gardner.

A three-run double by Brooks Bryan in the seventh extended the lead to 19-7.

Joey Rigdon (2-0) got the win, while Bill Collyott (1-2) took the loss as he gave up 11 runs in only a third

of an inning.

Cook went 4-for-5 with two singles, a double, and a triple. Gardner was 3-for-4 with two doubles to go with his homer. Nelson was 3-for-3 with two singles and a double. Bryan and Ricky John both had a single and a double.

LeRoy McCauley had a 5-for-4 afternoon to lead Three Rivers.

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ECCC OUTFIELDERS - Outfielders on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (front row, from left) Greg McBride of Newton, Ron Cook of Carthage, Dusty Ivey of Hickory and (back row, from left) Chad Lewis of Little rock, Brooks Bryan and Tommy Bost, both of Philadelphia; Justin Schmidt of Carthage and Kenyon Gardner of Walnut Grove. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)



ECCC SLUGGERS - expected to provide plenty of offensive power for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors this season are (from left) right fielder Tommy Bost and center fielder Brooks Bryan, both of Philadelphia; left fielder Greg McBride, Newton; first baseman Kevin Nelson, Clinton; right fielder Dusty Ivey, Hickory; first baseman Kenyon Gardner, Walnut Grove; catcher Will McLeod, Louisville; and catcher Chris Bond, Hickory. The ECCC squad is coached by Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)

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ECCC PITCHING STAFF - Pitchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign include (front row, from left) Germaine Chambers, Noxapater; Tony Perozo, Lake; Joey Rigdon, Decatur; Willis Lally, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; Jason Wilkins, Enterprise; Mitch Covington, Denham Springs, Louisiana; and (back row, from left) Hank Thoms, Newton; Brandel Russell, Little Rock; Mark Davis, Enterprise; Craig Vowell, Philadelphia; Todd Reeves, Decatur; and Brooks Bryan, Philadelphia. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamle Clark. (EC Photo)

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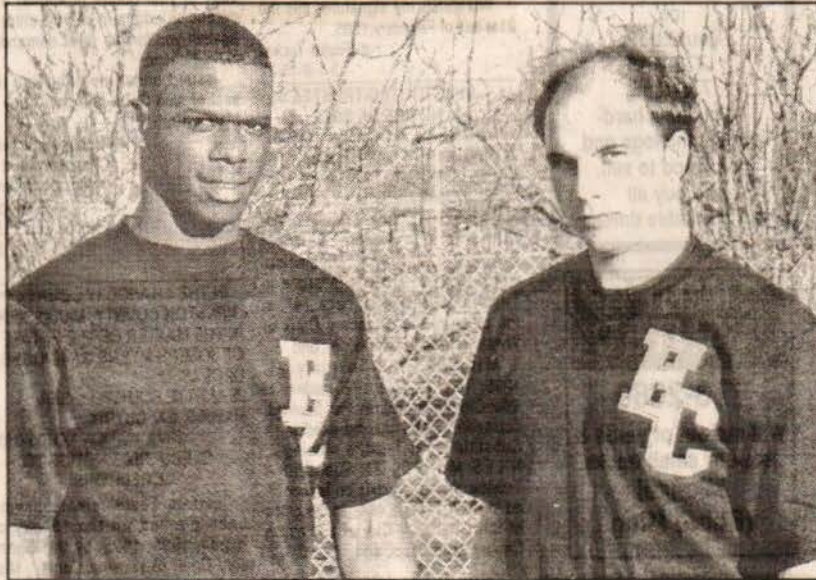
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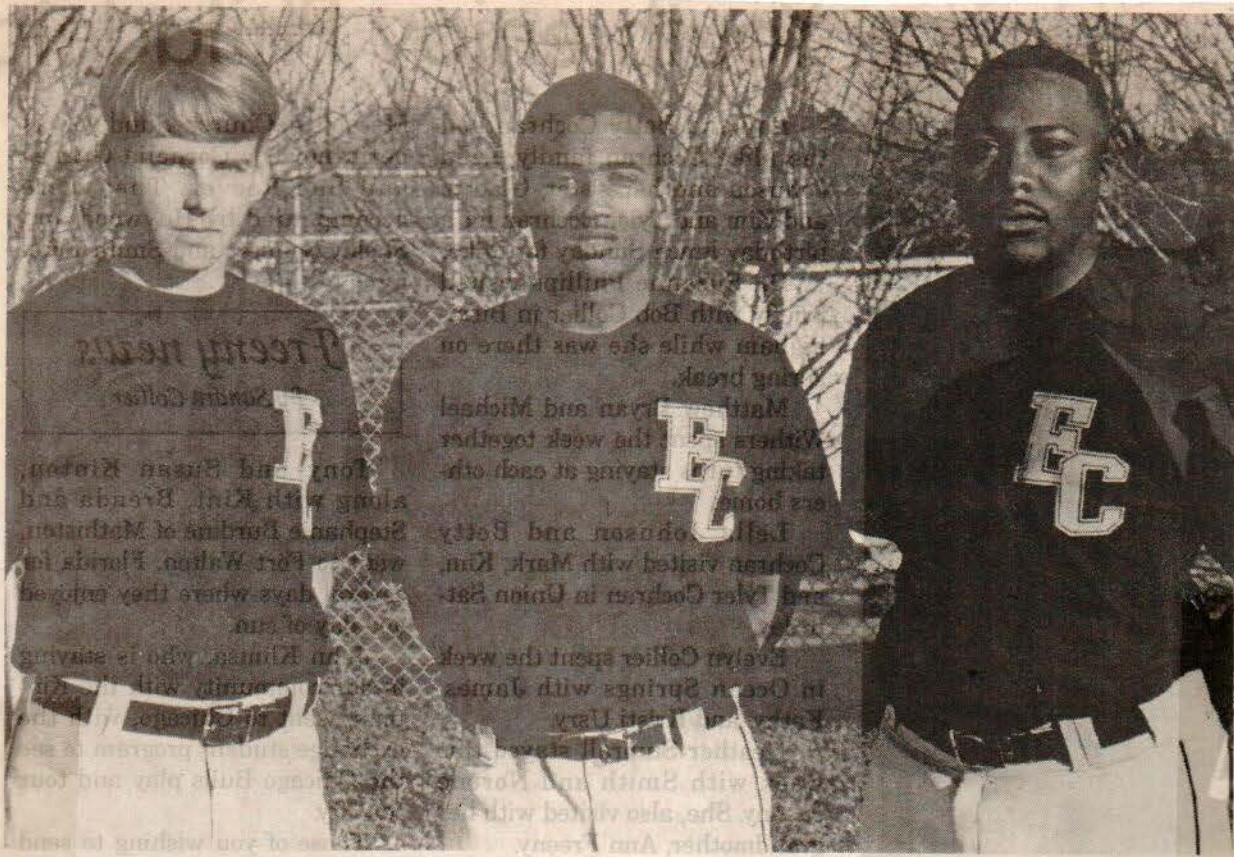
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Chambers, McLeod to play with ECCC Warriors — Pitcher Germaine Chambers, left of Noxapater and catcher Will McLeod of Louisville are Winston County members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.

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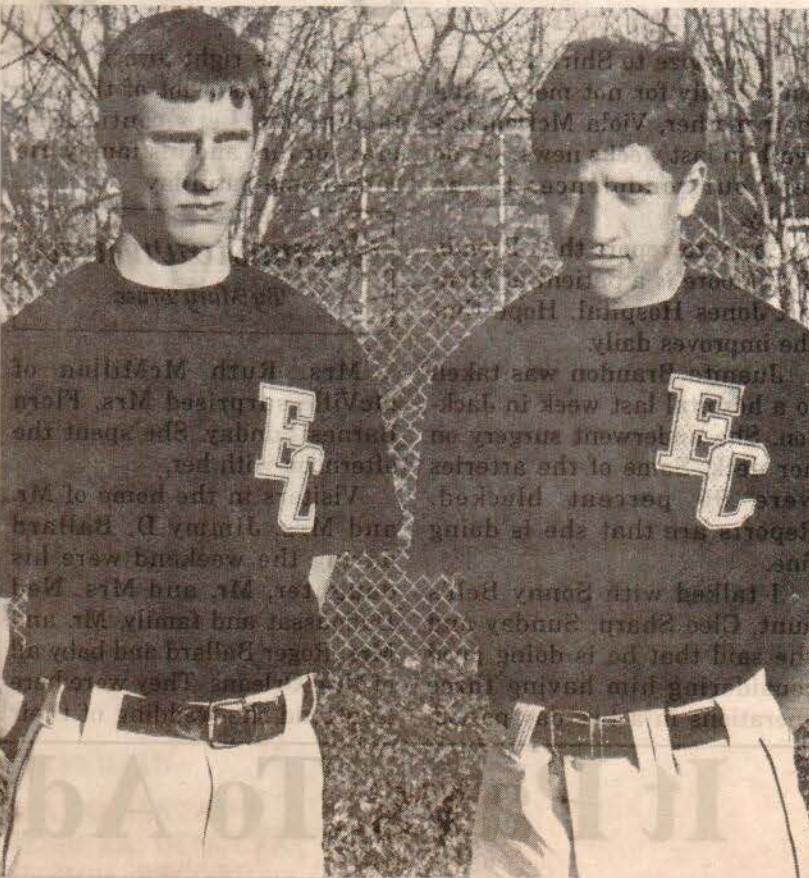
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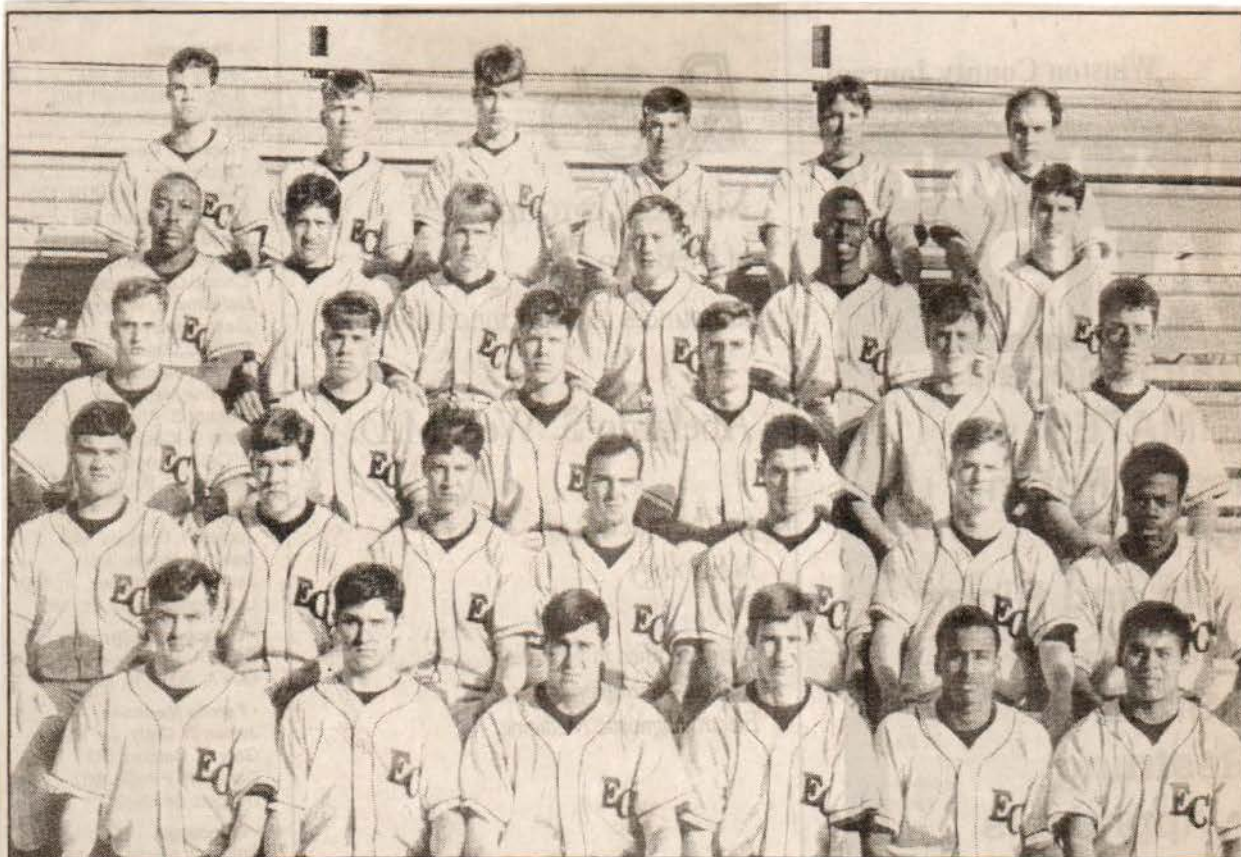
These student athletes from Leake County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign. From left are center fielders Justin Schmidt

and Ron Cook, both of Carthage, and first baseman Kenyon Gardner of Walnut Grove. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.



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Third baseman Shane McGee, left, of Lena and Tony Perozo of Lake are members of the 1995 East Central Community College baseball team from the area.



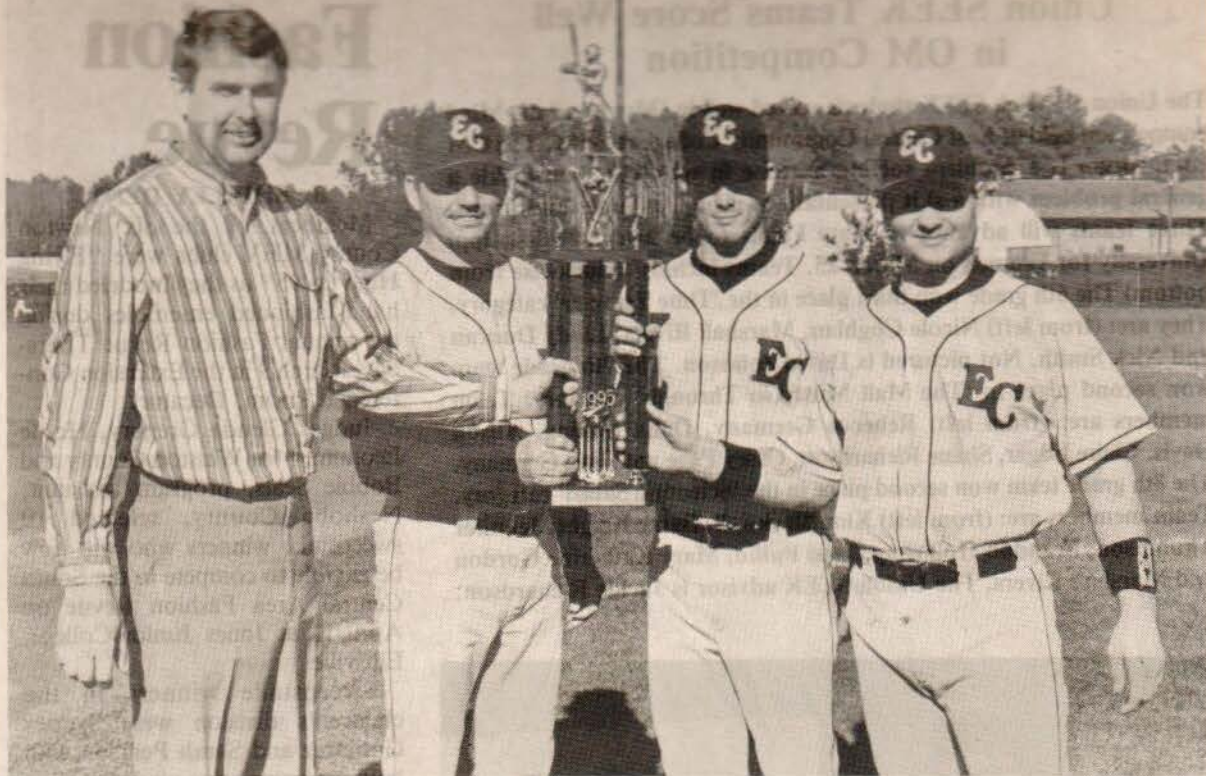
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ECCC Baseball team selected — Members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1995 campaign are, first row, from left, Brooks Bryan; Chris Ezelle; Mike Hammack; Shane McGee; Ron Cook; Ricky John; second row, from left, Chris Bond; Kevin Nelson; Willis Lally; Chad Ardoin; Jason Wilkins; Mitch Covington; Greg McBrayer; third row, from left, Matt Smith; Chad Lewis; Craig Vowell; Bucky Davis; Todd Reeves; Dusty Ivy; fourth row, from left, Kenyon Gardner; Tony Perozo; Justin Schmidt; Joey Rigdon; Germaine Chambers, Noxapater; Mark Davis; and top row, from left, Tommy Bost; Brandel Russell; Hank Thoms; Cary Lambert; Raymond Johnson and Wil McLeod of Louisville.

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Tournament Champs... The Diamond Warriors of East Central Community College began the 1995 season by winning the ECCC/Rush Sports Medicine Tournament which included teams from Wallace State, Beville and Jones County Junior College. East Central posted a perfect 3-0 mark against the three visiting teams and received the above trophy following the two-day competition. Pictured during the trophy presentation are ECCC officials Sammy Pace, athletic coordinator; Ricky Harrison, assistant baseball coach; and team members Jason Wilkins, a sophomore hurler from Enterprise, and Chris Bond, a sophomore catcher from Hickory.

(EC Photo)

Cheerleader tryouts at EC

Tryouts for East Central Community College's 1995-96 cheerleading squads will be held March 29 on the Decatur campus, announced Mrs. Virginia Pace, sponsor. Mrs. Pace said tryouts are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Prior to the tryouts, Mrs. Pace

said a mandatory meeting of all cheerleader candidates is slated for 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at Brackeen-Wood. During this time, procedures pertaining to the tryouts will be explained and routines will be taught.

Students selected on the college's cheerleading squads receive a

\$450.00 tuition scholarship for each semester served. In addition to the selection of football and basketball cheerleaders, male yell leaders and a mascot will be chosen.

For additional information contact Mrs. Virginia Pace, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.

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EC Warriors fall to 7-8 with Three Rivers on tap

By **MARTY STAMPER**

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors suffered through a 1-5 week on the baseball diamond last week, but did put a 10-run whipping on previously-undefeated Gulf Coast.

The good news is that the Warriors have road trips to South Division powers Gulf Coast and Pearl River out of the way.

The Warriors host the traditionally-strong Raiders of Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff, Mo., in a five-game series this weekend. The teams open play Thursday with a single game at 5 p.m. with doubleheaders set for 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

EC takes a 7-8 record into the series.

"Our pitching has been very good, but it takes more than that to win and we aren't getting the other things," ECCC head coach Jamie Clark said.

EC was no-hit and two-hit in last week's games and key defensive lapses resulted in one loss.

ECCC 10-1, GULF COAST 0-3: The Warriors split a South Division doubleheader at Perkinson on March 8. Jason Wilkins (3-1) tossed

a one-hitter and struck out nine as EC knocked off the previously-undefeated Bulldogs in the opener. Kenyon Gardner had a grand slam and Brooks Bryan went 3-for-4 to pace the Warriors. Chris Bond had a single and a double, while Dusty Ivey had two singles.

Gulf Coast took the nightcap behind Doug Thompson's five-hitter. EC's only run came on a second inning home run by Kevin Nelson. Ricky John had a pair of singles for the Warriors.

Thompson improved to 3-0, while Mitch Covington (0-2) took the loss.

BOSSIER PARISH 5-6, ECCC 0-4: The Cavaliers took a pair of games from the Warriors Thursday in Decatur. Michael Whitlow tossed a no-hitter for Bossier in the opener. Brandel Russell (0-1) took the loss.

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth in the nightcap, EC loaded the bases with only one out but was able to score just one run.

After the Cavaliers took a 6-4 lead in the top of the eighth, EC had the tying run at second base but was unable to come up with the key hit.

Warrior starter Hank Thoms (1-1) took the loss, despite holding the defending Region 23 runnerup Cavaliers to four runs in 7-plus innings.



East Central third baseman Raymond Johnson (left) of Philadelphia tags out a Bossier Parish runner in a rundown in Thursday's second game of a doubleheader in Decatur. EC is hosting Three Rivers of Poplar Bluff, Mo., in a five-game series, Thursday-Saturday. The Warriors are out to snap a five-game losing skid.

EC fell to 7-6, while Bossier improved to 8-9.

PEARL RIVER 7-5, ECCC 2-0: The Warriors dropped both games of a South Division doubleheader at Poplarville Saturday.

Pearl River led 7-0 in the opener before EC's Ron Cook broke up the shutout with a homer in the top of the seventh. EC stranded 10 runners in the setback. Brooks Bryan (1-2) took the loss.

Mitch Covington fell to 0-3 in the nightcap as the Warriors failed to cross the plate.

EC fell to 7-8 overall and 1-3 in the South Division with the two losses.

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East Central edges Three Rivers

The East Central Community College baseball team improved to 8-8 on the season by taking a 2-1 victory over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College Thursday.

ECCC pitcher Jason Wilkins (4-1) went the distance, allowing just five hits while striking out 10. He did not give up a walk.

The Warriors got four hits in the contest, including a shot from Hank Thoms in the fifth inning that scored Ron Cook.

East Central took a 2-0 lead in the seventh when Tommy Bost walked, then Ricky Johns got a base hit that scored Bost.

Three Rivers scored its lone run in the eighth inning.

ECCC lost right fielder Dusty Ivey for the rest of the season. He was hit by a pitch and suffered a broken left arm.

The Warriors play Three Rivers in a double-header today that starts at 1 p.m.

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Northeast sweeps ECCC

By **Jarrod McDaniel**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Anyone who missed "meet the players" night at East Central could at least catch up on the pitchers Friday night.

The Warriors used seven different hurlers as they fell to Northeast 10-3 in the second game of a double header.

East Central fell 4-2 in the earlier ball game.

While the Warriors had their share of problems on the mound in the second game, Northeast pitcher Brian Reid had none, as he carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning.

"We've been playing well as the week progressed," Northeast coach Ray Scott said.

"We knew if we kept plugging something good would happen."

It did.

The Tigers went from an 0-8 start to a two-game winning streak, with a record of 2-8.

"(Reid) sure shut us down," East Central coach Jamie Clark said. "But we have no excuses, what happens happens."

"We'll show up tomorrow and play, we won't panic, we'll bounce back."

The Warriors fell to 4-3 and host Itawamba today at 1 p.m.

The second game was scoreless until the top of the third inning, when Northeast's Glenn Tapp got on base with a single and was brought home on an East Central overthrow to first base.

Neither team scored in the fourth and fifth innings but Northeast came alive in the sixth, scoring six runs off of three different Warrior pitchers.

The Tigers added three more runs in the top of the seventh.

The lone bright spot for East Central was breaking up Reid's no hitter, as the Warriors scored three runs on two hits.

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■ **Northeast 4, East Central 2:** The Tigers broke into the win column for the first time this season.

Shaun McGrath got things started for Northeast as he scored in the top of the first off a single by Jared Jackson.

The Warriors got on the board in the third when Ricky John was brought home on a single.

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East Central sweeps pair from Itawamba

By **Will Price**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — After losing a doubleheader Friday night, the East Central Community College Warriors bounced back to beat sweep Itawamba Community College Saturday.

East Central took the first game 10-9 in eight innings then won the nightcap 10-1.

The two wins put the Warriors at 6-3 on the season while the Indians fell to 2-8.

Brooks Bryan, ECCC's fifth pitcher of the game, got the win and is now 1-0, while Brad Stokes, ICC's third pitcher, suffered the loss and fell to 0-2. Bryan also went 4-for-5, scored two runs and drove in the winning run.

Dusty Ivy went 3-for-4, with a home run and Kevin Nelson had two doubles.

Brian Pepper put the Indians up 1-0 with his homer in the second inning but the Warriors tied it in their half of the second on a homer from Ivy.

ICC seemed to put the game away in the third inning when it scored five runs and then added another in the fifth for a 7-1 lead.

But ECCC rallied, starting its comeback in the fifth when Ivy reached on an error and later scored. After the Indians took a 9-2 lead in the sixth, the Warriors cut the deficit to 9-6 when Bryan, Greg

McBride, Nelson and Ivy all crossed the plate in their half of the inning.

Bryan, McBride and Nelson scored in the seventh to tie the game at 9-9 and send it into an extra inning. In the eighth, Chris Ezell walked and after Ricky John was intentionally walked, Bryan singled home Ezell with the winning run.

■ **East Central 10, Itawamba 1:** The Warriors got five good innings from Willis Lally, who got his first decision.

Michael Gable took the loss and fell to 0-2.

Ivy was 2-for-2 with a double, Cary Lambert went 2-for-2 with a grand slam home run, Nelson was 2-for-3 with a double and a homer and Ron Cook added a triple to lead the Warriors at the plate. The Indians picked up their lone run in the top of the first. ECCC got all the runs it needed when Nelson and Ivy scored in the second.

The Warriors got six more in the fourth when Cook, Ivy, Chris Bond, Hank Thoms, Lambert and Shane McGee all scored. The big hits in the inning were Cook's triple, Ivy's double and Lambert's grand slam.

East Central then closed out the scoring in the fifth on Nelson's homer. Chris Bond later scored the final run of the game.

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ECCC experiences both ends of twinbill sweeps

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor



The East Central Community College Warriors were swept by Northeast in doubleheader action Friday in Decatur before coming back to take two wins from visiting Itawamba on Saturday.

The Warriors brought a 6-3 record into this week's action. The Warriors were slated to open South Division play at Gulf Coast on Tuesday before hosting 1994 Region 23 runnerup Bossier Parish in a 3 p.m. doubleheader Thursday. EC then visits Pearl River Saturday before hosting Three Rivers (Mo.) in a three-game set, March 16-17.

"It's probably the toughest two weeks we've had since I've been here," EC coach Jamie Clark said of the nine games.

NORTHEAST 4-10, ECCC 2-3: The Tigers of Northeast limped into Decatur Friday afternoon with an 0-8 mark, but swept the Warriors as EC fell to 4-3.

Mitch Covington (0-1) took the loss in the opener despite allowing only one run through four innings before being lifted for this week's conference action.

Jason Wilkins (2-1) suffered the same fate in the nightcap as he was lifted after giving up only one run through four frames.

Brian Reid of Northeast no-hit EC over the first six innings of the second contest.

ECCC 10-10, ITAWAMBA 9-1: The Warriors trailed 9-2 after 5½ innings before rallying to take Saturday's opener in extra innings.

A four-run sixth brought EC to within 9-6 and a three-run rally in the seventh forced an extra inning. Brooks Bryan, who went 4-for-5, singled home Chris Ezelle, who had walked, with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Bryan (1-1) also was the winning pitcher with two innings of scoreless relief.

Dusty Ivy was 3-for-4 with a homer for EC, while Kevin Nelson had a pair of doubles.

In the nightcap, the Warriors led 2-1 through 3½ innings and broke the contest open with six runs in the bottom of the fourth. Cary Lambert had a grand slam in the fourth. Nelson

had a double and a home run. Ivy was 2-for-2 with a double, while Ron Cook added a triple.

Willis Lally (1-0) allowed only one run over the first five innings to get the win.

The Warriors improved to 6-3 with the sweep, while Itawamba fell to 2-8.

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Area baseball games cancelled

Today's junior college baseball games featuring Gulf Coast at Meridian Community College and East Central at East Mississippi have been rained out.

The MCC-Gulf Coast game as tentatively been rescheduled for MCC Field for Friday at 2 p.m. The EMCC-ECCC game has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 29 at 4 p.m.

Next up for East Mississippi is a home game against Meridian Thursday at 2 p.m. East Central plays hosts to Northeast Community College in a single nine-inning game Friday at 3 p.m.

The action heats up over the weekend as East Mississippi visits Hinds Community College in Raymond for a three-game, two-day set, while East Central plays host to Itawamba Community College in two seven-inning games Saturday with action beginning at 1 p.m.

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The East Central Community College Warriors are off to a 4-1 start on the baseball diamond, winning the East Central-Rush Sports Medicine Tournament in the process.

EC will host Northeast in a single game at 3 p.m. on Friday and Itawamba in a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday before opening South Division play at Gulf Coast on Tuesday.

ECCC 6, WALLACE STATE 2: The Warriors won their season opener as Jason Wilkins (1-0) allowed only two hits in seven innings while striking out eight. He gave up only two walks.

Chris Bond had two hits, one of which was a two-run homer. Chris Ezelle also had a pair of hits.

ECCC 10, JONES 0: Greg McBride led the 2-0 Warriors with three hits, one of which was a home run. Hank Thoms (1-0) was the winning pitcher.

ECCC 9, BEVILL STATE 4: Joey Rigdon (1-0) got the win and Ron Cook had a pair of hits as EC won its own tournament and improved to 3-0.

ECCC 13, EAST MISSISSIPPI 5: The Warriors scored seven runs over the first four innings and added six more in the ninth as they won the Feb. 22 contest at West Lauderdale.

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East Mississippi fell to 0-3.

JONES 6, ECCC 3: The Warriors took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the ninth in Thursday's contest at Ellisville, but an infield error and a dropped routine fly ball in the outfield proved costly as Jones took the win with a grand slam with two outs.

Raymond Johnson homered for the Warriors, while Ricky John and Tommy Bost both had two hits.

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East Central starts season by

From **Staff Reports**

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All-South Division hurlers Scotty Dumas and reliever David Cox are at William Carey College.

Also, Tommy Holland and Jamie Morrow have moved on.

Enterprise native Jason Wilkins is the top-returning starter.

Wilkins, who went 5-4 last season, struck out 19 in one game last season.

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Feb. 22	East Central	3 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Jones (2)	noon
Feb. 28	East Central	3 p.m.
March 2	MCC	2 p.m.
March 4	at Hinds (2)	1 p.m.
March 5	at Hinds	2 p.m.
March 7	at Pearl River (2)	1 p.m.
March 8	Gulf Coast (2)	1 p.m.
March 11	Itawamba (2)	1 p.m.
March 20	Jones (2)	3 p.m.
March 22	Delta (2)	3 p.m.
March 25	Northwest (2)	1 p.m.
March 27	at East Central	6 p.m.
March 28	Holmes (2)	3 p.m.
Apr. 1	Coahoma (2)	4 p.m.
Apr. 2	Copiah-Lincoln (2)	2 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Northeast (2)	2 p.m.
Apr. 6	at Beville State	7 p.m.
Apr. 8	Pearl River (2)	4 p.m.
Apr. 11	at Itawamba (2)	2 p.m.
Apr. 12	at MCC	6 p.m.
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May 5-7	State Tournament	

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March 11	at Pearl River	1 p.m.
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March 18	Three Rivers (single)	1 p.m.
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March 24	Jackson State (single)	3 p.m.
March 25	at Southwest	1 p.m.
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	12:30	Jones vs. Bevill*
	2:45	Bevill vs. Wallace*
	4:45	EC vs. Jones*
February 19	1:15	Jones vs. Wallace
	3:45	EC vs. Bevill

*Home Team ----- Sunday - Flip for home

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Bevill in season opener

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Sam White (seated) of Neshoba Central recently signed a baseball scholarship with East Central Community College. He is the son of Kathy and Buddy White. Pictured with White are his father (back left) and EC coach Jamie Clark.

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Conduct ECCC Baseball Camp... The fourth annual East Central Community College Baseball Camp was recently held on the Decatur campus, with the above coaches serving as clinic instructors. From left are former Diamond Warriors Shannon-Cooley of Hickory and Luke Gibbon of Newton; ECCC head baseball coach Jamie Clark; and Ricky Harrison, assistant coach.

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Receive ECCC Baseball Awards... These East Central Community College baseball team members were recipients of various awards presented following the Warriors' record-setting 1995 campaign. From left are pitcher Jason Wilkins of Enterprise, most valuable player, "Exemplary Player of the Year", All-Region 23 and first team All-State; second baseman Chris Ezelle of Union and a product of Clinton High School, most improved and second team All-State; and center fielder Brooks Bryan of Philadelphia, best defensive player. Not pictured is shortstop Ricky John, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, who was named most productive offensive player and second team All-State. The Diamond Warriors, coached by Jamie Clark, experienced their most ever season victories by posting a 30-19 mark. (EC Photo)

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Baseball and all-star games keep many

Many area people are involved in the numerous all-star baseball games going on and some are even participating in various all-star softball and football games.

And if the thought of football in July sounds awfully hot to you, at least in the Arena Football League you get to play where its air conditioned.

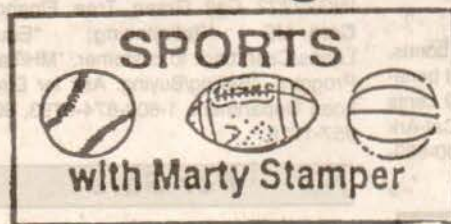
• **Four locals named to Star's team:** Four area baseball players received honors from *The Meridian Star*.

Outfielder Sam White of Neshoba Central batted .395 with 31 RBIs and scored 25 runs.

Union outfielder Michael Smith (.375, 5 HR, 33 RBI) was also chosen.

Choctaw Central was represented by first baseman/pitcher Johnathan Thompson. He went 21-for-42 to finish with a .500 batting average.

Philadelphia's Jamie Nichols (.407)



was an honorable mention choice.

• **Former EC player turns pro:**

Former East Central Community College shortstop Daniel Landry has signed a baseball contract with the Atlanta Braves and is currently playing with the organization's farm team in West Palm Beach, Fla.

EC's 1993 MVP, Landry continued his collegiate career at the University of New Orleans where he batted .341 and hit 11 home runs in 1995. He batted .304 with 13 homers in 1994.

Landry is married to the former

Sabrina Nicholson of Newton. They have an infant daughter, Jordan.

• **That's why she's called the Big O:** Olivia McDaniel of Neshoba Central had a good offensive outing as she went 4-for-6 with an RBI in the North's best-of-three series win over the South in the high school girls all-star softball game Saturday at Hinds Community College.

• **All-Star football game Saturday:** Domarco Fox and Michael McWilliams of Neshoba Central will be reunited with former Rocket head coach Chuck Friend in the 46th-annual Mississippi High School All-Star Football Game Saturday night at Mississippi College's Robinson-Hale Stadium. All three will be on the North squad. Kick-off is set for 7:30.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the gate.

busy; Bridgman's on ESPN

Players reported to MC on Monday.

• **Bridgman on ESPN:** Former East Central Community College head football coach Reese Bridgman was shown on the sidelines several times in the Orlando-Arizona Arena Football League game on July 1.

The Orlando Predators, with whom Bridgman is employed, lost 49-48 when a two-point conversion in the final 30 seconds failed.

Orlando and Tampa Bay are tied for the best record in the league with 6-2 marks. The Predators beat Albany, N.Y., 56-38, this past Saturday.

• **Rosamond finishes in juniors top 10:** Bill Rosamond of Leake Academy tied for ninth place in the Mississippi Golf Association's State Junior Championships at Mississippi State's Lakeside Golf Course recently. Rosamond had rounds of 74, 75, and 80

for a total of 229.

Allen Chaney of Columbus won by 10 strokes with a 212.

• **Santmyer inks EC tennis scholarship:** Newton's Jeanna Santmyer recently signed a tennis scholarship with East Central Community College. She played in girls doubles in the state 2A tennis tournament the past four years.

• **Say hello to Klinger for me:** Kristi Coats, daughter of ECCC head football coach Willie Coats, made the second cut of her professional golf career in the LPGA Jamie Farr Toledo Classic this past weekend.

Coats opened with a 1-under par 70 at the Highland Meadows Golf Course in Sylvania, Ohio.

Farr played Max Klinger on M*A*S*H.

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Former Warrior standout joins EC coaching staff

David Martin, a former All-State performer on the East Central Community College baseball team, has joined the Diamond Warrior staff as an assistant, announced head coach Jamie Clark.

Martin, a native of Bossier City, La., and a former standout at Airline High School, was a member of the ECCC team during the 1991 and 1992 campaigns. As a sophomore, Martin served as team captain and set a team record for most hits (52) enroute to a .375 batting average. A second baseman, Martin was also recognized for his defensive abilities as he was the recipient of the best defensive player award.



He continued his athletic career at Livingston University (now the University of West Alabama) and later transferred to Texas A&M, which won the Southwest Conference Championship, finished fourth in the College World series and posted a 53-11 record his junior season. Martin batted .297 as an Aggie and received the team's student athlete award for maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average. He graduated from A&M with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Coach Clark said Martin will serve as a hitting instructor and will also assist in fielding instruction.

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SIGNS ECCC SCHOLARSHIP - Former Newton County High School standout athlete Freddie Gentry (left) recently signed a baseball scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown with the Diamond Warrior signee is Jamie Clark, head baseball coach. An infielder, Gentry was a three-year starter for Newton County where he led the Cougars in hitting last season with a .454 batting average and received the best offensive player award. During his junior campaign, Gentry established a record 18-game hitting streak. Gentry was also instrumental in leading Newton County to the State playoffs in each of the last four years. Coach Clark said Gentry is having a "great" fall practice and added he will probably utilize the talented player at various infield positions. Gentry, whose major is machine shop technology, is the son of Jackie and Sara Gentry of Hickory. (EC Photo)

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Angie Lyles

Signs with ECCC

Angie Lyles, a 5'6" point guard from Morton High School, recently signed a basketball scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Lyles, shown above during signing ceremonies held at East Central, is the daughter of Annie Lyles.

To: Genia Griffin for being the recipient of two very prestigious awards at the Athletic Awards banquet at ECCC. She now holds the Women's Basketball, Lady Warrior Award for 1994-95 and received the Earline Wood Memorial Alumni Award.

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Philadelphia's Pachasia Thompson (right) signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also pictured is Lady Tornados coach Angie Ryals. Thompson is the daughter of Ruby Thompson and the granddaughter of Dollie Roberts. She has a daughter, Melakia Hughes.

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Win League Title

Winning championship honors in the women's division of the East Central Community College intramural basketball league competition were the above members of "Don't Worry About It." Team members include (kneeling from left) Crystal Isaac and Lamonica York and (standing from left) Davita Morris, Eugenia Joe, Melanie Carson and Carletta Denson, all of Philadelphia.

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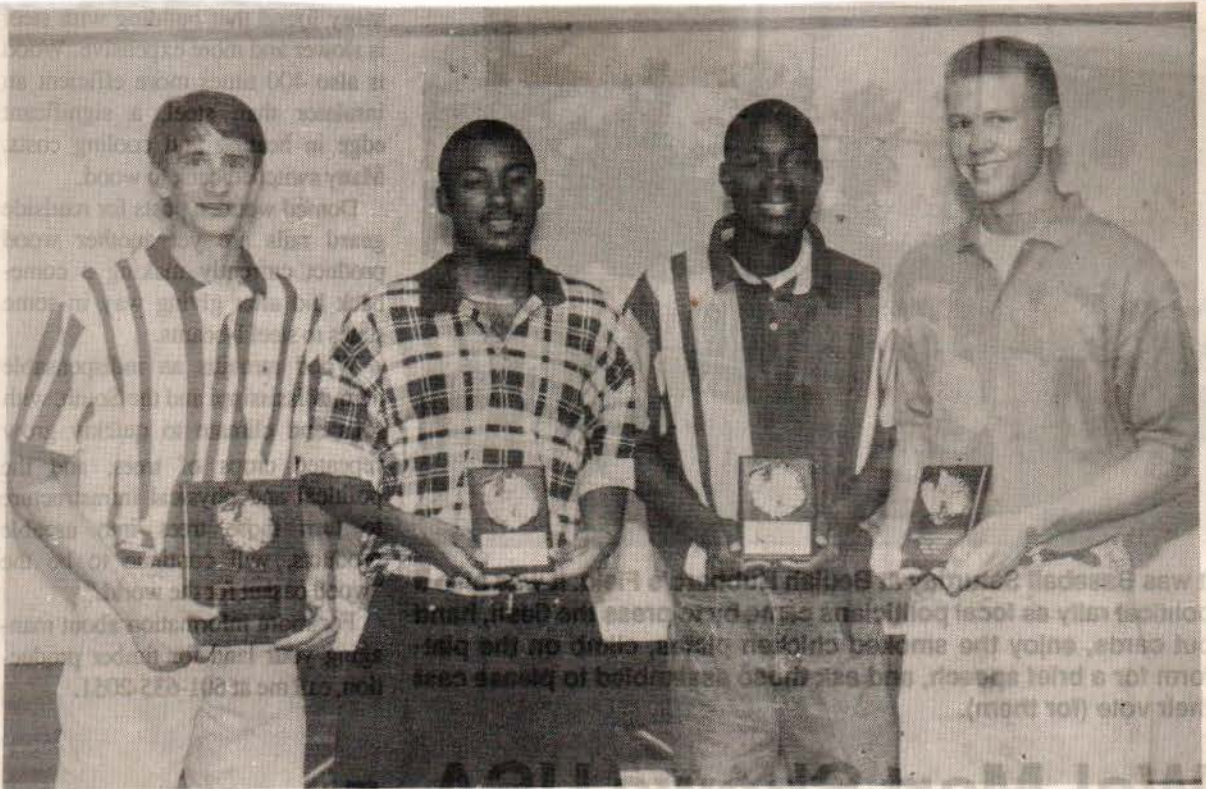


Receiving women's basketball honors at East Central Community College are (seated from left) Dane Vance, team co-captain, Genia Griffin, Lady Warrior Award, Cyntia Ellis, best offensive player, Brandi Harber, free throw award and All-Star, (back row) Monica Davis, most valuable player, J.J. Moorehead, team co-captain, and Melody Reed, freshman of the year, rebound award, and second team All-State.

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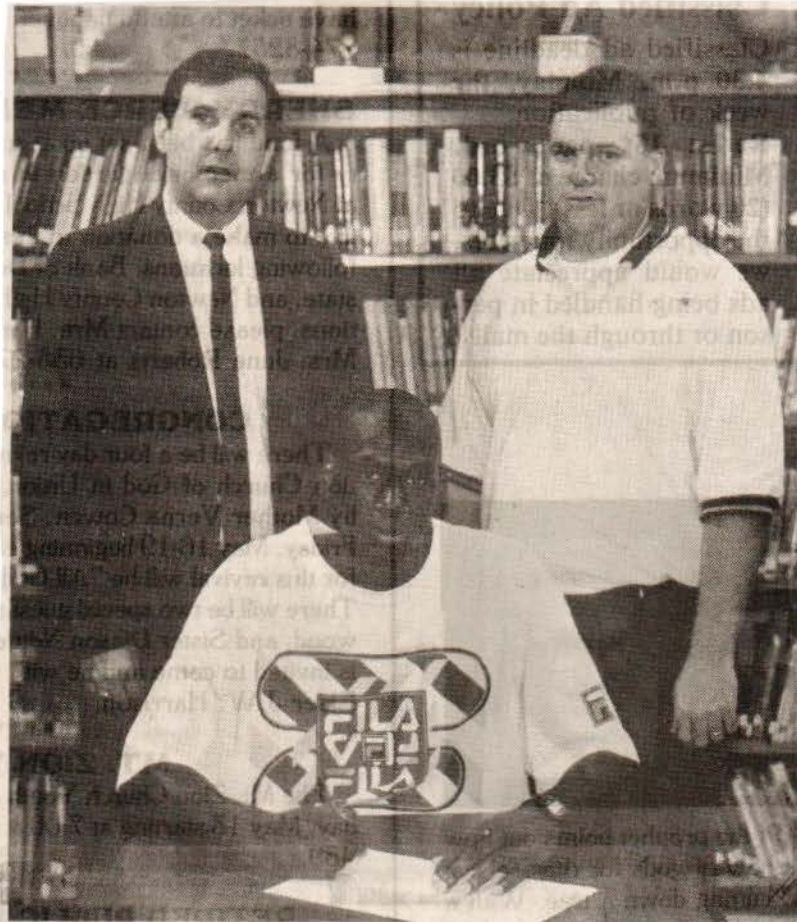


PRESENTED ECCC BASKETBALL AWARDS - Members of the 1994-95 East Central Community College men's basketball team who received awards following the 1994-95 campaign include (from left) Phillip Prince of Philadelphia, most valuable player, free throw and assists leader award, All-State and All-star; O. I.J. Nichols of Union, Freshman of the Year; Darvis Rasberry of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, defensive player award; and Mike Hurst of Hickory, hustle award. The awards were presented by head coach Marty Cooper. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Signee... Gary Butler, a 6-4 guard from Sebastopol High School, recently signed a scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Shown with the standout athlete during signing ceremonies are ECCC men's basketball coach Marty Cooper (left) and Bobcat coach Chad Smith.

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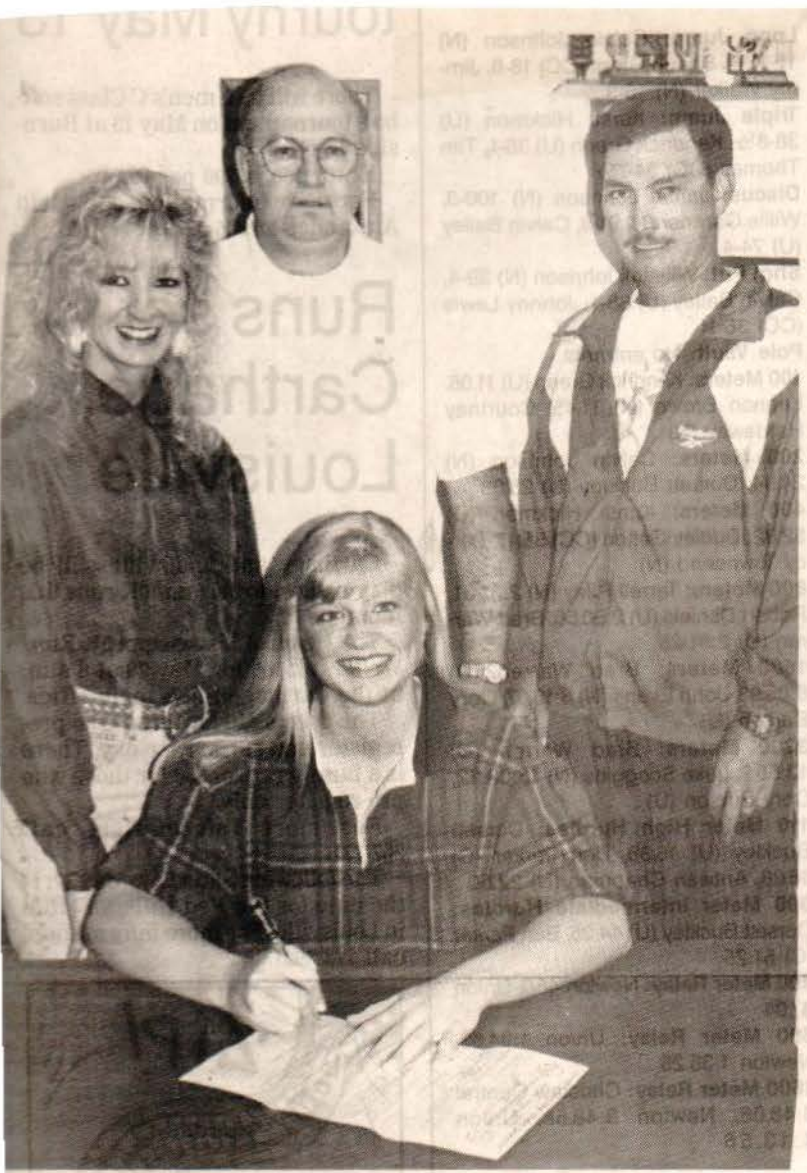
Inks with ECCC... Jason Smith, a 6-4 forward from Union High School, has signed a scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Shown with the standout athlete during signing ceremonies are ECCC men's basketball coach Marty Cooper (left) and Smith's parents, Jo and Mike Smith of Rt. 1, Decatur.

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Olivia McDaniel (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also pictured are (standing from left) her parents, Jan and Clifford McDaniel, and NCHS coach Bill Smith.



Jennifer Musgrove (seated) of Leake Academy signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also shown are (standing from left) LA coach Doyle Wolverton and her parents, Janie and Danny Musgrove.

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Tara Hall (seated) of Leake Academy signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also shown are (standing from left) LA coach Doyle Wolverton and her parents, Susan and Richard Hall.



Felicia Brantley (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also shown are (standing from left) her parents, Katherine and Lorenzo Brantley, and NCHS coach Bill Smith.

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Joe Green (seated) of Leake Academy signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also shown are (standing from left) LA coach Phil Shepard and EC coach Marty Cooper.



TOURNAMENT RUNNERS—UP - Placing second in the men's intramural basketball league competition at East Central Community College were members of a team called "Funk Crew". Team members include (kneeling from left) Dede Beamon of Lawrence, Willie Ware of Newton, Deon Carter of Forest and (standing from left) Antonio Woodruff of Columbia, S.C.; Victor Parker of Pelahatchie, Monte Robinson of Newton and Chad Cannon of Philadelphia. "Funk Crew" completed season action with a 8-3 record. (EC Photo)

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EC Lady Warriors sign seven

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

East Central Community College has signed seven incoming freshmen for its 1995-96 women's basketball team with five coming from the local hardwoods.

Signing from Neshoba Central are 5-foot-9 forward Olivia McDaniel and 5-foot-5 point guard Felicia Brantley.

Brantley averaged 12.6 points, 5.5 assists, and three rebounds.

McDaniel averaged 10.9 points, six rebounds, four assists, and three steals.

The Lady Rockets were 20-11 last year.

Inking from Philadelphia is 5-foot-9 forward Pachasia Thompson. She averaged 10.5 points as the Lady Tornadoes went 14-16 and participated in the first round of the Class 2A South State Tournament.

Joining the Lady Warriors of EC from Leake Academy are 5-foot-9 forward Tara Hall and 5-foot-7 guard Jennifer Musgrove.

Hall averaged 16.8 points and made 68.4 percent (117 of 171) of her free throws for the 28-9 Rebelettes.

Musgrove averaged 12.7 points and made 54.5 percent (78 of 143) of her free throws. The Rebelettes finished third in the Academy AA state tournament.

Also signing are 5-foot-6 point guard Angie Lyles from 17-6 Morton and 5-foot-8 forward Stephine Houston (13.9 ppg) from 17-12 Carthage.

Sammy Pace's 1994-95 EC team finished 22-7 and was the state runnerup.

■ **Coats adds two:** EC football coach Willie Coats has added 6-foot-4, 195-pound quarterback Lance Eichelberger and 6-foot-1, 270-pound nose guard Erick Irby to his 1995 roster.

Eichelberger played at Forest before transferring to Jackson Academy for his senior year.

Irby prepped at Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central.

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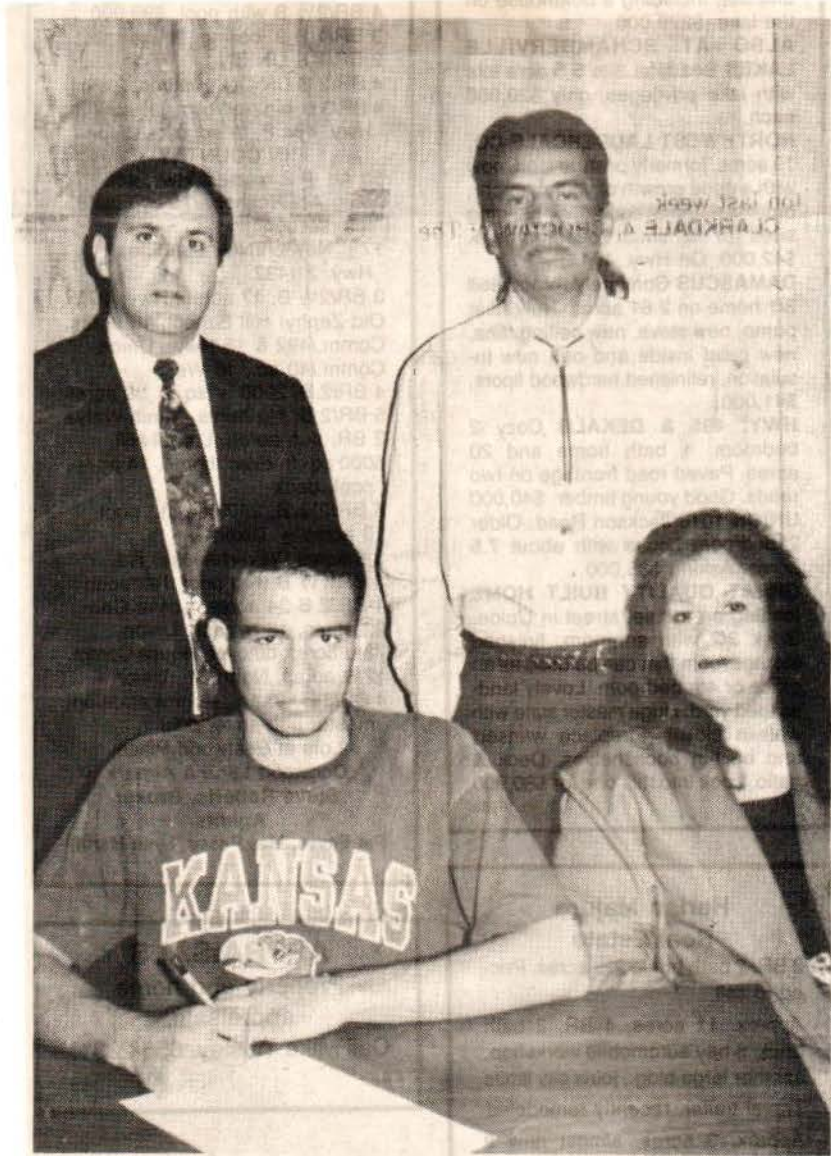


Mark Nance (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. From left are EC coach Marty Cooper, parents Pete and Shearleen Nance, and NCHS boys coach Bobby Richardson.

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Shaun Grant (seated at left) of Choctaw Central signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. Also shown are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faron Denson, and EC coach Marty Cooper (back left).

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Jones signs with East Central

Maurice Jones, a 6' 1 1/2" guard from Forest High School, is shown signing a scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Jones averaged 14.3 points and 8.8 rebounds last season in helping lead the Bearcats to the Class 3A South State Championship and a 19-10 record. In recognition of his athletic accomplishments, Jones was named All-State, All-South State and All-Division. Shown with the ECCC signee are (from left) Warrior head coach Marty Cooper; his mother, Betty Jones; and Forest basketball coach Gina Skelton.

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Massey inks with ECCC

Darrick Massey, a 6' 2" forward from Forest High School, is shown signing a scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Massey averaged 13.7 points and 7.2 rebounds last season in helping lead the Bearcats to the Class 3A South State Championship and a 19-10 record. In recognition of his athletic achievements, Massey was selected All-South State and All-Division. Shown with the ECCC signee are Warrior head coach Marty Cooper; his parents, Ronnie and Patricia Massey; and Forest basketball coach Gina Skelton.

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Win league title

"Badd Boys" won championship honors in the men's intramural basketball league tournament held at East Central Community College. Team members include, from left, front, Ty Nowell of Philadelphia, Marcus Hill of Newton, back,

George Gill of Carthage, Toma York of Walnut Grove, Derrick White of Lena and Donald Parham of Walnut Grove. "Badd Boys" finished the season with a 10-1 record.

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ECCC signs three recruits

East Central women's basketball coach Sammy Pace announced the signing of two Neshoba Central High School recruits and one Philadelphia High prospect Tuesday.

Lady Rockets' point guard Felicia Brantley and forward Olivia McDaniel signed with the Lady Warriors as well as Lady Tornadoes' 5-foot-9 forward Pachasia Thompson.

Brantley (5-5) averaged 13.8 points per game and McDaniel (5-9) averaged 13.1 points for the 21-11 Lady Rockets.

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ECCC's Cooper adds 11 new Warriors

By **MARTY STAMPER**

Democrat sports editor

East Central Community College men's basketball coach Marty Cooper has announced the signing of 11 players for the 1994-95 team.

Three of the signees played locally.

Shaun Grant, a 6-foot-2 shooting guard from Choctaw Central, led the five local schools in scoring this past season with an 18.4 scoring clip. The Warriors were 24-7, setting a school record for wins in a season.

Mark Nance, a 6-foot-3 shooting guard from Neshoba Central, averaged 16.1 points and 4.5 rebounds for the 9-21 Rockets.

Jason Smith, a 6-foot-4 power forward, averaged 17.9 points and 10 rebounds for the 20-14 Yellow Jackets as they placed fourth in the Class 2A South State Tournament.

Robert Earl Shephard, a 6-foot-5 small forward from Morton, averaged 20.5 points as the 25-3 Panthers reached the Class 3A state tournament.

Also signed from Morton are 6-foot-6 post Maurice Bowie (19.6 ppg) and 5-foot-11 point guard Jason Latham.

From 19-10 Class 3A state semifinalist Forest are 6-foot-2 shooting guard Maurice Jones and 6-foot-3 small forward Darrick Massey.

Gary Butler, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard from Sebastopol, averaged 25.6 points and 12 rebounds for the Bobcats.

Also signed are 6-foot-6 post Freddie Jowers and 6-foot-2 combo guard Jacob Carr from Marengo High School in Dixons Mill, Ala.

EC was 9-17 last season after three-straight 20-win years under Cooper. In his four years at Decatur, the Warriors have a record of 84-35.

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Signs basketball scholarship

Morton High School senior Maurice Bowie, seated; signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College last week. Pictured with Bowie are (standing from left) his mother Marie Honeysucker, ECCC assistant coach Jennifer Cooper, ECCC head coach Marty Cooper, MHS coach Jerry Gautier and MHS principal Skip Latham.

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Latham signs with ECCC

Morton High School senior Jason Latham, seated, signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College last week. Pictured with Latham are (standing from left) his parents Sharon and Kenny Latham, ECCC assistant coach Jennifer Cooper, ECCC head coach Marty Cooper, MHS coach Jerry Gautier and MHS principal Skip Latham.

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Inks scholarship with ECCC

Morton High School senior Robert Earl Shepard, seated, signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College last week. Pictured with Shepard are (standing from left) his mother Jeanette Moore, ECCC assistant coach Jennifer Cooper, ECCC head coach Marty Cooper, MHS coach Jerry Gautier and MHS principal Skip Latham.



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Smith inks with East Central

Union senior Jason Smith has signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College.

Smith, a 6-foot-4 forward for the Yellow Jackets, joins eight others as the 1995 signing class for Warrior coach Marty Cooper.

Forest's Maurice Jones and Darrick Massey along with Sebastopol guard Gary Butler will go to ECCC next year.

Two from Marengo High School in Dixons Mills, Ala., will play for Cooper, whose team went 9-17 last season. Six-foot-6 forward Freddie Jowers and 6-2 Jacob Carr have signed with East Central.

Three others were scheduled to sign today.

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Area players shine

ECCC's Davis scores 19 in women's game

By Jarrod McDaniel

The Meridian Star

CLEVELAND — Although separated by about 260 miles, Coahoma's Tonya Norment and Pearl River's Elaine Powell have been side by side all season.

Powell and Norment stayed in first and second place among the nation's women's junior college scoring leaders all season.

Meeting face to face in the RC Cola Mississippi Community College All-Star Classic, Powell's 24 points edged Norment's 23. But it was Norment who had the last laugh, leading the North All-Stars to an 89-79 victory and garnering the Most Valuable Player

award.

Powell led the South Team in scoring but East Central Community College's Monica Davis wasn't far behind, pumping in 19 points and pulling down a team-high six rebounds.

"I felt I had to step up a little and help the team," said Davis, an Arkansas-Monticello signee. "The game was fun. I finally got to play with the Powell sisters instead of against them."

Also on the South Team was Brandi Harber, a teammate of Davis at East Central.

Harber, a 5-foot-7 guard from Union, only played 15 minutes but made the most of it, getting six points, three rebounds and two steals.

"I enjoyed getting to play with people I normally play against," Harber said. "It was a good experience."

While Harber's team didn't win, she didn't go home empty-handed.

During halftime of the men's game, a three-

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point shootout with two players from each women's team took turns trying to connect on the most treys within 60 seconds.

Harber hit 13 from beyond the arc to claim the title. Conswella Fowler of Northwest Mississippi Community College took second place with 10. Pyrita Harris of East Mississippi tied for third with eight.

Harris, who was part of the victorious North team, had four points and three rebounds in nine minutes of action.

Harris' numbers were respectable considering she found she would be participating in the game just three days ago.

East Mississippi's Latoya Weaver was unable to play in the game after sustaining a broken arm in an automobile accident.

■ **South All-Stars (men) 90, North All-Stars 81:** Despite having high-scoring forward Dontae Jones leading the way, the North fell to the South by nine points.

But even more surprising was the play of the South's Ira Newble, a 6-7 forward from Gulf Coast who walked away with the Most Valuable Player Award.

"I had to step up my game," Newble said. "They had Dontae, so I wanted to show them up."

Newble tallied 14 points, seven rebounds, three blocks and a steal.

Jones, the All-Star slam dunk champion, had a game-high 34 points, four rebounds, four steals and one blocked shot.

Philip Prince, a 6-1 guard from East Central, had seven points, two rebounds, one assist and a team-high four steals.

East Mississippi's Vince Nave, a 6-foot guard from Kemper County High, scored five points but hauled in a game-high nine rebounds to go along with two assists and two steals.

Marcus Tallie, a 6-7 forward from EMCC, had two rebounds and a steal.

All-Star basketball games set for April 6

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

The Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star basketball games, coming April 6 at Delta State's Sillers Coliseum — women at 6 p.m., men at 8 — have Holmes' Bennie Kimble and Mississippi Delta's John Vickers coaching the North men; Copiah-Lincoln's Paul Johnson and Southwest Mississippi's Dennis Sims, South men; Coahoma's Ella Morris and Northeast Mississippi's Ricky Ford, North women; Col- Lin's Gwyn Young and Pearl River's Polly Kirkland, South women. Players report by 11 a.m. April 5.

Miles honored: Northwest Mississippi's athletic director/baseball coach Jim Miles, who joined the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, already has assorted DSU awards. They include best defensive player in 1964 in basketball and Boo Ferriss Sportsmanship Award in 1965. After seven years of pro baseball in the Washington Senator and Texas Ranger organizations, Miles joined the NWCC staff. Over his 20 years coaching Northwest baseball, his teams have won 20 championships and currently show a 487-251 record.

Warriors recruiting: East Central's new football

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coach, Willie Coats, reached to Tuscaloosa county in Alabama to sign four prospects — Rocky Smith, 6-1, 250 pound offensive lineman; Jeff Rowell, 5-11, 185 defensive back/linebacker; Mark Thomas, 5-11, 175 defensive back and Jay Frith, 6-1, 255 offensive/defensive lineman. Coats also signed Al Raimy, 6-5, 290 lineman from Memphis, and Ashanti Webb, 5-1, 175 defensive back from Tampa. Among those heading out from ECCC is Chris Banks, 5-9, 175 running back/wide receiver from Brandon, signed by Florida A&M as a kick returner/receiver.

Miscellaneous: Reese Bridgman, after three seasons as East Central football coach, joined the staff of the Orlando Predators of the Arena Football league, handling lineman as well as the strength and conditioning program. . . Northwest's well-traveled rodeo team takes part this week in the Murray State rodeo after previous trips since late February to East Lansing, Mich. and Springfield, Mo. Next week brings a shorter trip to the Mississippi State meet at Louisville.

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Central," Mann said. "Last year it came down to Valley and Houston. I'm happy with this decision and I have no regrets. I've never been more comfortable and relaxed. I'm around a lot of good guys. It seems like a perfect match for me."

While leading East Central to a 23-5 record and state runner-up, Mann earned first-team JUCO All-American honors. He was the first East Central player since Denver Brackeen (1953-54) to earn first-team status. Mann averaged 21.2 points and 10.9 rebounds while shooting 63 percent from the field.

He is the only East Central player to finish his career with at least 1,000 points and rebounds.

"Marcus is the total package," East Central coach Marty Cooper said. "Basketball wise, he has great hands and knows how to use his body around the basket."

Cooper said he is more impressed with Mann's offcourt demeanor.

The Carthage native finished East Central with a 3.0 grade-point average in business administration. He was elected to the school's Hall of Fame.

Mann is hoping to become the first of 19 grandchildren of Nadine and Colon Mann to get his college degree. Through the first semester at Valley, Mann is sporting a 3.8 GPA.

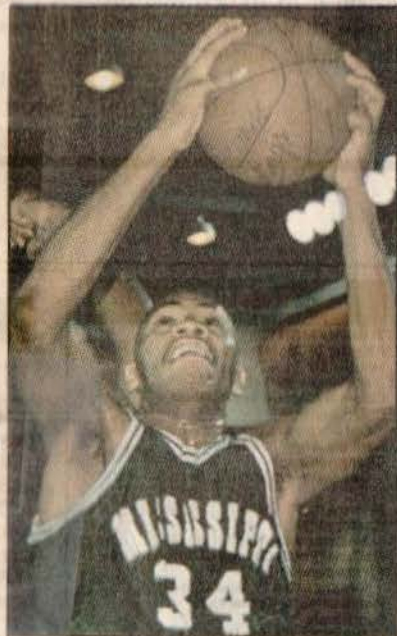
"My grandmother always told me to get my lessons first and everything else will come," Mann said.

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Excellence Mann-datory for Devil



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Marcus Mann gives Mississippi Valley a shot at the tourney title.

■ Mississippi Valley junior Marcus Mann is averaging 16.4 points and 11.7 rebounds a game.

By Derrick Mahone
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Every Christmas Marcus Mann could expect a basketball goal from his mother.

Mann would receive a new one to replace the one from the previous year.

"My cousins would put the goal down low so they could dunk on it," Mann said. "By the time Christmas came around again it would be torn down. It would make me so mad. I didn't care how cold it was, I would go outside and put the new goal up."

Mann's mother, Annie Gray, was hoping to push the sport on her oldest son, who is now a 6-foot-7, 235-pound junior center at Mississippi Valley.

"I just wanted him to have something to do," said Gray, a former high school player. "I've never had trouble out of Marcus. He was always involved in the church."

For Mann, it's been church, school and basketball.

"He is just a tremendous person," Valley coach Lafayette Stribling said. "He is a great kid. He takes everything serious. Marcus has had a positive influence on this team both on the court and off. Marcus is the type of player you will never worry about being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

When he is not playing basketball or studying, Mann enjoys singing.

Before the Delta Devils' season finale against Grambling State two weeks ago, Mann sang the national anthem. He received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"I think I surprised a lot of people," Mann said. "Singing is a hobby with me."

But his basketball skills is what earned him a free college education.

Mann is taking full advantage of both. He is averaging 16.4 points and leading the Southwestern Athletic Conference in rebounding with a 11.7 average, ninth in the nation. Valley finished the regular season 16-10 overall and 10-4 in the SWAC, good enough for second place.

Valley plays the winner of the Jackson State-Prairie View game Saturday at 6 p.m. in the semifinals of the SWAC tournament. Valley received a first-round bye.

Mann is at 80 percent after spraining his ankle against Jackson State on Feb. 20.

"I've seen Marcus play in high school and junior college and I've always been impressed at how he makes good decisions," Jackson State coach Andy Stoglin said. "Mann would have been a heck of a player no matter where he would have gone. Marcus is very clever player."

Mann credits his mother and uncles, especially Jimmy Mann, the coach at Thomastown. Like most of Mann's uncles, Jimmy Mann played high school basketball for Stribling.

Stribling coached at now-defunct Murphy in Walnut Grove and South Leake for 25 years.

"I've watched coach Strib for a long time," Mann said. "I said one day I'm going to play for him."

After a stellar career at South Leake, Mann signed with Mississippi State but left after five days to go to East Central. He led East Central to the state championship and earned JUCO second-team all-American honors. He signed with Evansville but decided to return to East Central.

"There was a lot of pressure and I was scared to make a decision so I went to East

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ECCC women bow out in first round of Region 23 tourney

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College women's basketball team had its hopes of defending its region championship snuffed out with a 69-66 loss to Coahoma in first-round action of the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum on Feb. 28.

The Lady Warriors concluded their 1994-95 season with a 22-7 mark.

Coahoma went on to finish second in the eight-team event, losing 81-74 to Pearl River in the champ-

ionship game.

EC led 21-17 in the first half before Tonya Norment hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Coahoma a 26-23 lead. The Lady Tigers took a 31-27 advantage into halftime.

A 14-6 Coahoma run to start the second half gave the Lady Tigers a 45-33 advantage.

Coahoma took its largest lead of the contest at 49-36 with 13:45 remaining only to have EC close to within 49-44 on back-to-back baskets from Brandi Harber.

Norment added five points as Coahoma stretched its lead up to 56-44.

The Lady Warriors got back to

within 65-63 on a three-point play by Melody Reed with 2:07 remaining only to have Coahoma score two straight baskets off EC turnovers.

Reed got the Lady Warriors back to within 69-66, but neither team scored over the final 31 seconds.

Monica Davis led EC with 19 points. Reed had 17, Harber 12, Genia Griffin six, Cyntia Ellis five, and LaDonna Robinson scored four.

Coahoma improved to 18-9 behind 37 points from Norment.

Coahoma	31	38	—	69
East Central	27	39	—	66

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Lady Rangers keep postseason

■ State champ Northwest dispatches Holmes and takes aim on Pearl River.

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

CLINTON — Northwest Mississippi's Lady Rangers moved a step closer Tuesday to another national tournament berth with their 77-58 NJCAA Region 23 opening round win over Holmes.

That brings up what should be a far stiffer test tonight at 6 in the semifinals at Wood Coliseum against No. 17-ranked Pearl River.

The Lady Wildcats are more on Northwest coach Don Edwards' mind than a trip to Tyler, Texas, for the junior college Big Dance.

The Lady Rangers, who had a national championship and a runner-up finish back in their mid-'80s glory days, are content to stay focused on the next challenge coming.

Thus far in this postseason tourney run, Northwest has taken the North Division tourney title, topping regular-season division winner Northeast 90-82 in the final, and then the state title last week, easing by East Central 69-66.

Tuesday, against Holmes, whose

At Wood Coliseum, Clinton

WOMEN

Tuesday's games

Northeast Miss. 109, Mary Holmes 81

Coahoma 69, East Central 66

Northwest Miss. 77, Holmes 58

Pearl River 74, Copiah-Lincoln 56

NJCAA REGION 23 PLAYOFFS

Today's games

MEN

N'west Miss. vs. Northeast Miss.

Jones County vs. Bossier Parish

WOMEN

Northeast Miss. vs. Coahoma, no

Northwest Miss. vs. Pearl River, 6

Lady Bulldogs split two earlier meetings with the Lady Rangers, Northwest struggled much of the way before finally pulling away.

"Once they went up 62-50, I knew it was over — that we couldn't catch

them," Holmes coach Larry rell said. "Northwest is so qu every way."

The Lady Ranger break from a 35-30 halftime lead b on the return of 6-foot Felis

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gues, who played only 6 minutes the first half because of foul trouble.

Northwest, 21-7, had Shantell Atkins with 20, Pegues 19, Shelia Bates 18 and Tracy Wallace 12. Holmes, 16-11, was led by Mahalia McDonald's 16 and Latarsha Gray 10.

Northeast Miss. 109, Mary Holmes 81: "We live or die by the press, but today we concentrated on stopping their penetration, driving to the basket," Northeast coach Ricky Ford said. And Mary Holmes missing 31 of 44 free throws didn't hurt. Northeast, 18-10, had Angie Morelock with 22 and Vicky Wyatt 19. For Mary Holmes, 19-8, Glenda

Gilcud had 27.

Coahoma 69, East Central 66: Last year's regional champion Lady Warriors came close, but still lost, just as they did last week in the state final. Coahoma, 18-9, rolled behind Tonya Norment with 37 and Latonya Benson 14. East Central, 22-6, had Monica Davis with 19.

Pearl River 76, Copiah-Lincoln 56: Elaine Powell, as is customary, set the Lady Wildcats' pace with 31 points and set up a showdown with top-seeded Northwest. Karen Powell and Alberta Travis added 13 each for PR, 23-6. Co-Lin, 19-6, had Marianna Reeves with 16.

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"Offensively our game plan was to get the ball to Norment and let her go one-on-one until they stopped her," Lady Tigers' coach Ella Morris said. "Defensively we wanted to stop their big girl inside (Monica Davis) and take advantage of our speed."

Davis led ECCC with 19

points. Reed added 17 points and Brandi Harber had 12 points.

Katrina Williams finished with 14 points for Coahoma and Jocelyn Frost added eight points.

Coahoma outrebounded East Central 40-32. Eleven of the Lady Tigers' boards came on the offensive end while the Lady Warriors had five.

Coahoma scored the first four points of the game on consecutive baskets by Frost to lead 4-0

and held a 31-27 lead at the half.

Norment caught fire in the second half, hitting a pair of three-pointers to give the Lady Tigers a 41-31 lead.

Coahoma had its biggest lead of the game, 49-36, with 13:45 to go. But East Central went on an 8-0 run to cut it to five at 49-44.

Norment answered by scoring seven consecutive points to give Coahoma a 56-44 lead.

Another three-pointer by

Norment with about seven minutes remaining gave the Lady Tigers a 61-52 advantage.

But the Lady Warriors battled back.

A three-point play by Reed capped a 5-0 run by East Central that cut the lead to 65-63 with 2:07 remaining.

But consecutive turnovers by East Central led to a 4-0 run by Coahoma, increasing the lead to 69-63.

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Region 23 Tournament

ECCC bounced from tourney

Coahoma upsets Lady Warriors in quarterfinals

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

CLINTON — The East Central Lady Warriors' run toward a trip to the Junior College National Tournament came to an end Tuesday.

East Central lost 69-66 to the Lady Tigers of Coahoma Community College in the Region 23 Basketball Tournament at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College.

East Central finished its season with a record of 22-7 and Coahoma improved to 18-9.

The Lady Tigers will face Northeast in the semis today at noon.

Northeast beat Mary Holmes 109-81 Tuesday.

The Lady Warriors couldn't contain Coahoma's Tonya Norment, who poured in a game-high 35 points.

"We didn't play good defense and we just got beat," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said. "We could not throw the ball in the hoop and we had too many turnovers at key times."

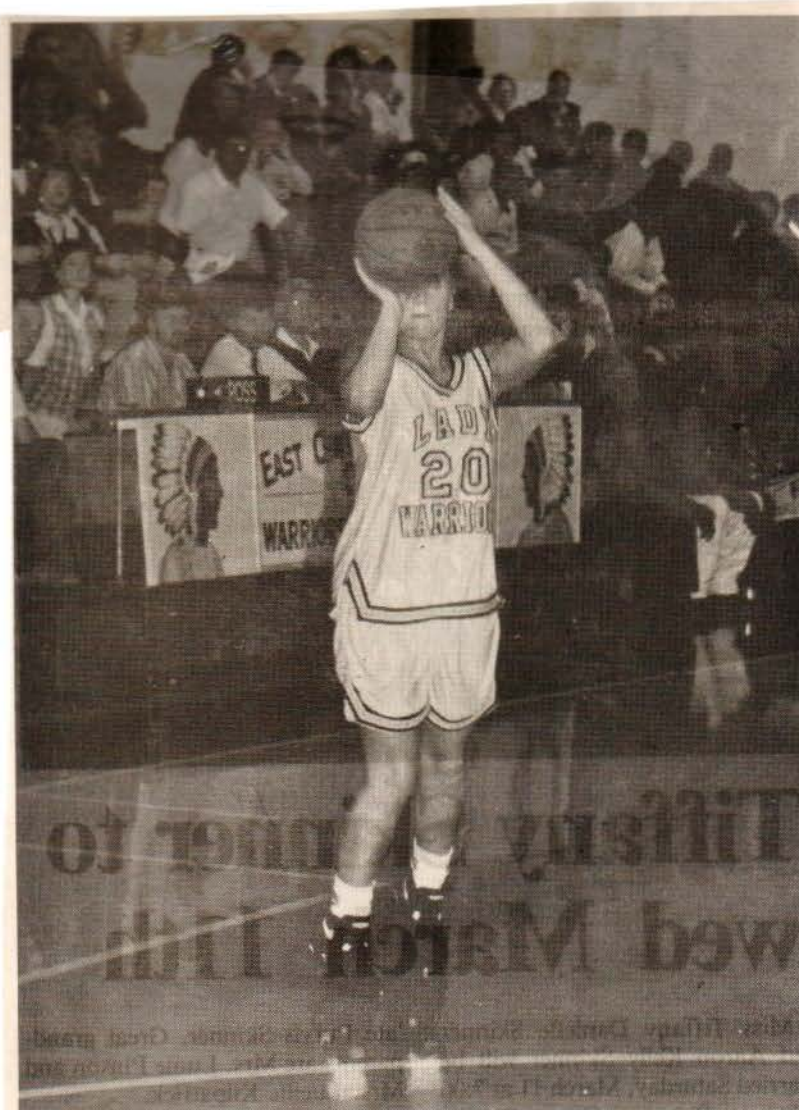
Coahoma led by nine points with about seven minutes remaining in the game. East Central got to within three points with 30 seconds left and got possessions back with 16 seconds to play. But Melody Reed missed a desperation three-pointer as time expired.



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East Central's Melody Reed tries to drive through two Coahoma defenders Tuesday



Harber Aims For Three

Brandi Harber of Union, a guard on the East Central Community College Lady Warriors basketball team, put up this three-point shot during last week's State JC Tournament held in Decatur. ECCC finished second in the tournament and is playing in the Region 23 Tournament being held in Clinton this week.

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Lady Warriors in Region 23 title hunt

Winning a second straight Region 23 title is on the minds of East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who hope to rebound from last week's 69-66 loss to Northwest for the MACJC State Championship.

East Central, 22-6, begins its quest for another region crown by taking on Coahoma at 1:45 Tuesday in Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum.

Should the Lady Warriors defeat their first-round opponent, they would then advance to semi-final action scheduled at noon Wednesday against the Mary Holmes - Northeast winner. Tournament finals will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, with the champion advancing to the NJCAA Women's Basketball Tournament scheduled March 13-18 in Tyler, Texas. Last year the Lady Warriors won the Consolation Championship and finished seventh in the nation with a 28-7 record.

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Davis was the leading scorer for EC with 22 points. Other point-makers were Harber, 11; Ellis, nine; LaDonna Robinson, eight; J.J. Moorehead, six; and Genia Griffin and Melody Reed, four each.

Northwest led 33-31 at halftime.

East Central advanced to the state finals by cruising past Northeast 107-80 on February 20.

Harber led the scoring onslaught with 23 points. Also scoring were Davis, 16; Ellis, 15; Robinson, 12; Reed, nine; Christy Madison, seven; Dane Vance, six; Griffin and Chasity Bounds, five each; Sara Hollingsworth, three; and Jennifer Alexander, Moorehead and Wilma Cooksey, two each.

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East Central women place

■ Lady Warriors hope to successfully defend Region 23 championship this week at MC.

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors reached the finals of the state basketball tournament where they dropped a three-point decision to Northwest on Feb. 21 in Decatur.

The 22-6 Lady Warriors opened play in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College against 17-9 Coahoma Tuesday afternoon. If they won that contest, the Lady Warriors will play the Northeast-Mary Holmes winner at noon today. The finals are set for Thursday at 6 p.m.

The winner of the regional advances to the NJCAA national tournament in Tyler, Texas, March 13-18.

ECCC WOMEN 107, NORTHEAST 80: All 13 Lady Warriors scored in the Feb. 20 semifinal mauling of Northeast. The Lady Warriors already had a 20-point lead (56-36) by halftime as they scored a season-high 107 points.

Brandi Harber scored 23 points, including an 11 of 11 effort at the free-throw line to lead 22-5 EC.

Monica Davis scored 16 points, Cyntia Ellis added 15, LaDonna Robinson 12, Melody Reed nine, Christy Madison seven, Dane Vance six, Genia Griffin and Chasity Bounds both had five, and Sara Hollingsworth three, while Jennifer Alexander, J.J. Moorehead, and

ECCC scoring averages

Monica Davis	16.1
Melody Reed	11.0
LaDonna Robinson	9.6
Brandi Harber	9.3
J.J. Moorehead	5.9
Genia Griffin	5.6
Cyntia Ellis	5.3
Dane Vance	4.0
Wilma Cooksey	2.9
Christy Madison	2.9
Jennifer Alexander	2.6
Chasity Bounds	2.4
Sara Hollingsworth	1.2
ECCC offense	79.2
Opponents' offense	66.0

Wilma Cooksey each had two.

Melissa Spears led 17-10 Northeast with 19. Vicky Wyatt had 15, while Tara Green scored 11, and Valerie Wright had 10.

Northeast 36 44 — 80
East Central 56 51 — 107

NORTHWEST WOMEN 69, ECCC 66: The Lady Warriors rallied from a 15-point deficit with five minutes remaining to within 67-66 with three seconds left but were unable to complete the comeback in the Feb. 21 title game.

Trailing 62-47 with five minutes left, EC got to within 62-57 with 1:30 showing on back-to-back 3-pointers by Brandi Harber. Monica Davis added a pair of free throws to trim the gap to 62-59 before Northwest scored on consecutive layups to push its lead to 66-59.

Cyntia Ellis hit a 3 with three seconds left to pull the Lady Warriors to within 67-66.

After a pair of Northwest free

Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College

Feb. 27

noon — Holmes (21-8) men vs. Bossier Parish

1:45 — Meridian men vs. Northeast (21-7)

6:00 — Pearl River (20-10) men vs. Northwest (21-4)

8:00 — Copiah-Lincoln (17-13) men vs. Jones (22-4)

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Wednesday

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7:45 — Jones-Co-Lin men's winner vs. Bossier Parish-Holmes winner

Thursday

6:00 — women's championship

7:45 — men's championship

throws, EC inbounded the ball with a short pass and could manage no more than a three-quarters length heave at the buzzer.

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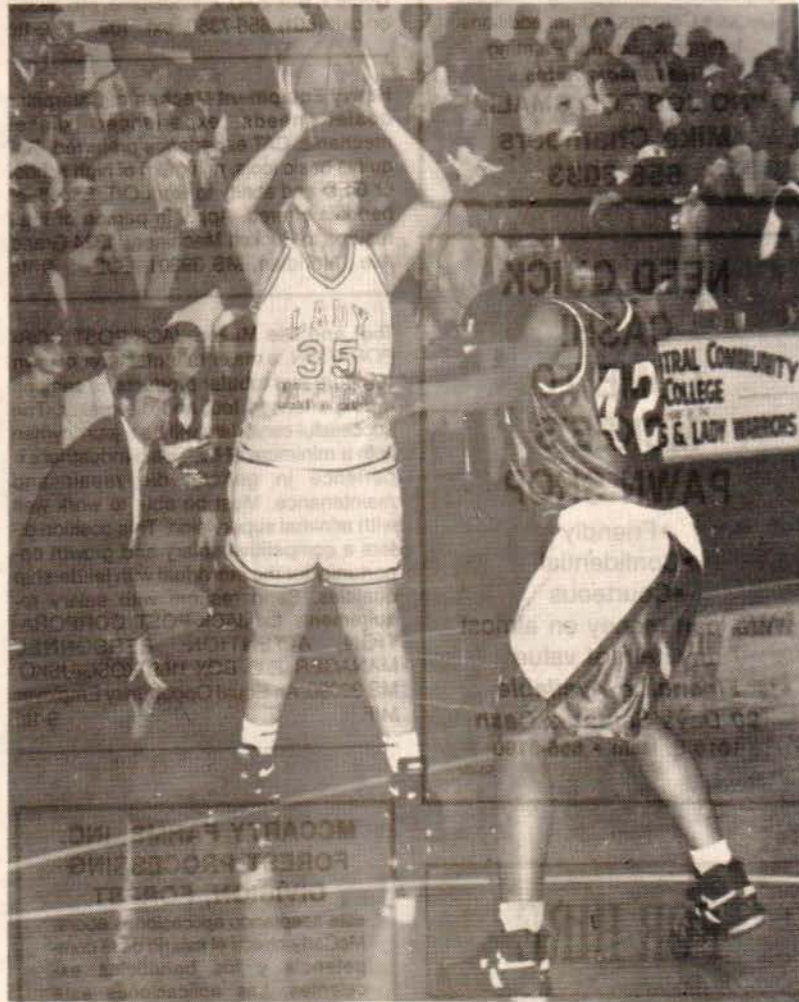
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second in state



Dane Vance (35) looks for an open teammate in East Central's 69-66 state championship loss to Northwest.

Genia Griffin four, and Melody Reed four.

Shantell Atkins led the 20-7 Lady Rangers of Northwest with 24. Shelia

Bates had 18 and Felisa Pegues tossed in 13.

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Lady Warriors set sights on region title

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OT winner Pearl River to meet Co-Lin in men's final

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

DECATUR — Top seeding held up for everyone in the state junior college opening round Monday until Pearl River's Wildcats showed up.

But even the upsetters needed overtime before pulling out a 108-105 win over Northeast. It wasn't settled until 'Cat Mr. Everything, Conley Verdun, stole the ball away from the Tigers' Ron Patterson with 3 seconds left.

Tonight championships go on the line in Brackeen-Wood Gym at 6 with North Division champion Northwest Mississippi's 19-7 Lady Rangers, 75-65 winners over Pearl River, taking on South champion East Central's 22-5 Lady Tigers, 107-80 winners over Northeast.

Then at 8, Pearl River's South runners-up, 23-5, get another shot at South champion Copiah-Lincoln's 17-12 Wolves, 84-82 winner over Holmes. On the same court last Thursday, Co-Lin nipped PR 88-84 in the South final.

Northeast broke ahead 45-37 by halftime of the first session finale, only to be caught by a Verdun 3-pointer 54-53 with 15:16 left. There was seesawing to a 90-90 regulation deadlock, thanks to another Verdun 3-pointer with as many seconds left.

Pearl River went ahead 106-103 on a 3-pointer by Jimmy Cuyler. The Wildcats maintained that lead when Jason Hutchins made two free throws following Northeast's Anthony Dilworth fouling out with 15 seconds left.

For Pearl River, Donnie Johnson had 26, Verdun and Cuyler 24 each,

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while Northeast had Dontae Jones with 37, Thyria Penn 16 and Ron Patterson 15.

Pearl River had 13 3-pointers, and Verdun had four of those.

Co-Lin's Wolves continued their late-season rush, pushing past Holmes which led 33-30 at halftime, to lead by 10 down the stretch before the 'Dogs nearly caught up the final seconds.

"Defense did it for us," Co-Lin coach Paul Johnson said. "We wore them down."

Holmes coach Bennie Kimble pointed to Timothy Hooker and Haashim Simmons with 27 apiece, saying, "When two get that many, you're not going to lose many."

Northwest, which last met Pearl River in last year's state playoffs at

Booneville, still remembered falling behind 20-0, so took it to the Lady Wildcats start to finish.

The Lady Rangers held national scoring leader Elaine Powell to 26 points, well under her average, while putting four in double figures — Felisa Pegues 18, Consweila Fowler 17, Shelia Bates 15 and Tracy Wallace 10.

East Central devastated Northeast from the outset, up 56-30 at halftime and going over the mark with 3:59 left on Chas Bounds' layup.

Brandi Harber with 23, Monica Davis with 16 and Cyntia Ellis 15 led EC.

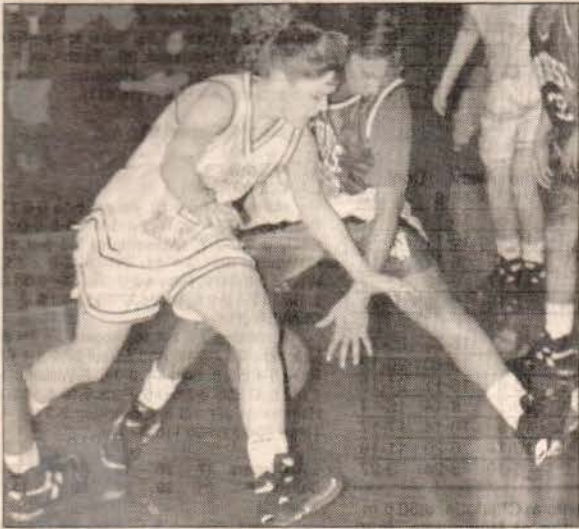
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ECCC women finish stat



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ECCC's Genia Griffin gets the ball stolen by a Northwest defender Tuesday.

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — After six straight wins and a South Division Title, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College lost Tuesday night.

The Lady Warriors fell to Northwest 69-66 in the finals of the Mississippi Junior College State Tournament.

East Central will enter next week's Region 23 Tournament as the No. 2 seed. The Lady Warriors will take on No. 6 seed Coahoma Tuesday.

"We did not play good defense against the three-point shot," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said after the game.

"We did not play good defense tonight, period."

East Central, the state runnerup, fell to 22-6 while Northwest improved to 20-7.

Northwest's Shantell Atkins led all scorers with 26 points. Shelia Bates had 16 points and Felisa Pegues added 13.

Monica Davis led East Central with 22 points, Brandi Harber added 11 points and Cyntia Ellis had nine.

"East Central has a good inside game," Northwest coach Don Edwards said. "We pressured them and caused some turnovers and were able to control the tempo of the game, especially in the second half."

East Central led 4-0 in the first 3:20 of the game before Northwest scored its first basket on a three-pointer by Atkins.

Northwest came back to take a

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■ **Pearl River (men) 96, Copiah-Lincoln 89:** Pearl River evened the season series between the two teams at two wins apiece in addition to taking home a state title.

The Wildcats lost to Co-Lin in the finals of the South Division Tournament, 88-84.

Pearl River jumped out to a 44-23 lead and led by 20 at halftime, 46-26.

Timothy Hooker lead Co-Lin with 27 points. Haashim Simmons had 17 points and Nick Dillon and Jerry Collins added 12 points each.

Pearl's Conley Verdun led all scorers with 36 points. Donnie Johnson had 27 points and Donnell Spriggs added 11.

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runners-up

48-22 lead late in the first half, then the Lady Warriors scored six straight points, the final two coming on a basket by Melody Reed, to tie the score at 28-28 with 58 seconds remaining in the half.

After taking a 33-31 lead into the locker room, Northwest came out and went on a 13-5 run midway through the second half to give the Lady Rangers a 48-40 advantage with 12:10 to play.

Atkins, a 5-foot-3 sophomore, scored 11 of her team's first 15 points of the second half.

"I have a short attention span," Atkins said. "But tonight at the half I listened to what Coach Edwards said and took it in and came out at the beginning of the second half pushing the ball up the court."

Northwest led 60-45 with a lit-

tle more than six minutes remaining in the game. But East Central's Davis scored five straight points on a putback and three-pointer to cut the lead to 62-51 with 3:20 left.

Harber then hit two straight three-pointers to cut the lead to 62-57 with 1:40 to go.

The Lady Warriors got as close as 62-59 after Davis hit a pair of free throws with 1:20 left but Northwest stole the ball on consecutive possessions to jump back out to a 66-59 advantage.

A three-pointer by Ellis with three seconds to play pulled East Central to within one at 67-66. But Sinnie Tillman canned a pair of free throws to seal the win for the Lady Rangers.

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Pearl River, Northwest lay claim

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

DECATUR — State championships brought out the best in a quartet not expected to reach the final.

But after regular-season division champions were cleaned away before Tuesday's windup, two brilliant battles for the titles found the Pearl River Wildcats and Northwest Mississippi Lady Rangers finishing atop the heap.

Pearl River broke away to a 20-point lead by halftime but not until the final minute did the 'Cats sack their first state title in 30 years, holding off Copiah-Lincoln's Wolves 96-89.

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"I never felt comfortable until Donnie Johnson's jam (with 3 seconds left)," PR coach Richard Mathis said.

The Wildcats raced out to a 10-2 lead the first couple of minutes to go up 20 at the break before Co-Lin closed to within 6 in the closing seconds.

For PR, 20-10, Conley Verdun had 36, Johnson 27 and Donnell Spriggs 11. Co-Lin, 17-13, was led by Timothy Hooker with 27, all but one the second half; Haashim Sim-

mons 17, Nick Dillon and Jerry Collins 12 each.

Northwest Mississippi came dangerously close to letting a seemingly sure win slip away before Sinnie Tillman provided icing 3 seconds from the finish for a 69-66 win over East Central.

The homestanding Lady Warriors, after falling behind by 15 in the late going, pulled to within a point with 3 seconds left on Brandi Harber's 3-pointer.

The clock at that point ran out, precipitating a hot appeal from EC coach Sammy Pace. The clock is supposed to stop after a score in the last 2 minutes.

East Central's Genia Griffin then was

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to long-awaited titles

called for a foul, pushing on Tillman, as the last desperate Lady Warrior effort to regain possession before time actually did run out.

The Lady Rangers had missed their last three trips to the free-throw line, perhaps encouraging that last strategy by Pace.

Tillman, a freshman guard who had missed with 21 seconds left, hit both her one-and-one chances and Northwest had its first state championship since 1984 after Harber heaved a last shot from midpoint in the backcourt that caromed off the glass.

"We knew they would make a run at us," Northwest coach Don Edwards said. "East Central is like that — play hard, never give up."

"We don't have much size, so we press fullcourt almost every game, extending our defense."

"We try to make a transition game of it. The difference tonight like most games is our pressure and ability to run."

The missed free throws the last 3 minutes nearly wrecked the earlier success. Sweetness of victory for his sophomores came in adding East Central as the last state juco team to their list of victims. They had beaten everyone but East Central.

Northwest, 20-7, had Shantell Atkins with 24, Shelia Bates 18 and Feliswa Pegues 13. EC, 22-5, had Monica Davis with 24 and Harber 11.

East Central women throttle Pearl River

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

DECATUR — Pleasure bubbled over Thursday for East Central as the Lady Warriors hit the double jackpot.

Not only did the home team tuck away the South Division playoff women's title with a 77-68 win over regular-season victor Pearl River, but it gained the role of host to next week's state playoff as well.

That pits East Central against North runnerup Northeast Mississippi Monday at 6 after Pearl River takes on North winner Northwest Mississippi at 2.

Men's state semifinals here at Brackeen-Woods Gym pit North winner Northeast against Pearl River at 8 after North loser Holmes meets Copiah-Lincoln at 6.

Co-Lin's Wolves had to battle back from a early 19-6 deficit, which coach Paul Johnson felt at the time was not insuperable.

"This isn't a team to give up," Johnson said of his Wolves. "Besides, the second half is when we're strongest. I think we just wore them down."

By halftime, though, Pearl River led by only 40-38 as Timothy Hooker started a 3-point rampage bringing the Wolves back.

Breakout did not come for Co-Lin until the last 2 minutes with a rush from tied 76-all to lead 83-78 with 26 seconds left.

Pearl River then drew within 87-84 in a wild rush before falling out of contention.

Vital in the Wolves victory along with their 8 3-pointers were free throws, 18 of 29 to the Wildcats' 14 of 18, with 13 of 20 the second half.

Co-Lin, 16-12, had Hooker with

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32, Nick Dilon 20, Haashim Simmons 16 and Jerry Collins 13; Pearl River, 18-10, Conley Verdun 24, Donnie Johnson 18, Jimmy Cuyler 13 and Omar Nelson 11.

Even with Elaine Powell, likely the best juco woman player in the country, tough start to finish against East Central's pack attack was not enough to lift the Lady Wildcats to another title.

Her 35 points should keep her atop the NJCAA scoring pile, but support was limited with sister Karen Powell and Caronica Debose next with 11 apiece.

East Central spread its scoring around liberally, Melody Reed with 18, Monica Davis 16, Brandi Harber 14 and Genia Griffin 10.

Defense did the job as the Lady Warriors topped Pearl River a third time in their last four meetings after dropping four straight before then.

"Defense was the key to it," EC coach Sammy Pace said. "We were ready to play and except for a lot of unnecessary turnovers did just that."

Reed, besides leading Lady Warrior scoring, "did a super job defending Powell, her quickness bothering Elaine, I think."

East Central rebounding was vital, topping PR 41-28 on the boards.

North: At Scooba, Northeast Mississippi, 21-6, claimed the North Division men's crown with a 73-72 victory over Holmes.

Dontae Jones led the Tigers with 20 points.

In the women's final, Northwest Mississippi, 18-7, beat Northeast 90-82.

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East Central increased its lead to 65-40 with 17:30 remaining in the game on a basket by Brandi Harber and led by 30, 82-52, at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

The Lady Warriors enjoyed their biggest lead of the game at 98-63 with 5:17 remaining.

"East Central has a dominant team," Northeast coach Ricky Ford said. "Their guards have good quickness and they have a great inside

game. Give Pace credit, he plays to his strengths."

East Central crossed the 100-point barrier when Chasity Bounds hit a basket with four minutes remaining to give the Lady Warriors a 101-67 lead.

"They pressed us and played a tough full-court, man-to-man," Pace said of the Lady Tigers. "And after we got our rhythm we took control of the game."

ECCC outrebounded Northeast 53-32.

Harber led ECCC with 23 points. Monica Davis added

16.

Cyntia Ellis had 15 and LaDonna Robinson added 12.

Vicky Wyatt led Northeast with 20 points. Melissa Spears had 14, Valerie Wright scored 12 and Tara Green chipped in with 11.

In what turned out to be the most exciting game of the night, South State runner-up Pearl River beat the North State Champ Northeast Tigers in overtime.

The score was 90-87 when Conley Verdun of Pearl River hit a three-pointer with four seconds left to tie the game.

In the extra period, Pearl River outscored Northeast 18-15. Twelve of Pearl River's 18 points came via the three-point shot.

Jimmy Cuyler hit a three to give Pearl River a 105-102 lead.

Northeast's Dontae' Jones answered with a three-point play of his own to tie the game at 105-105.

Jason Hutchins of Pearl River hit two free throws with 14 seconds left to give Pearl River its winning margin. And Verdun stole a pass to finish the contest.

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ECCC women maul NECC

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Fans who turned out to see the Mississippi Junior College State Tournament Monday saw plenty of offense.

The host East Central Lady Warriors moved into the finals of the tournament by knocking off Northeast 107-80.

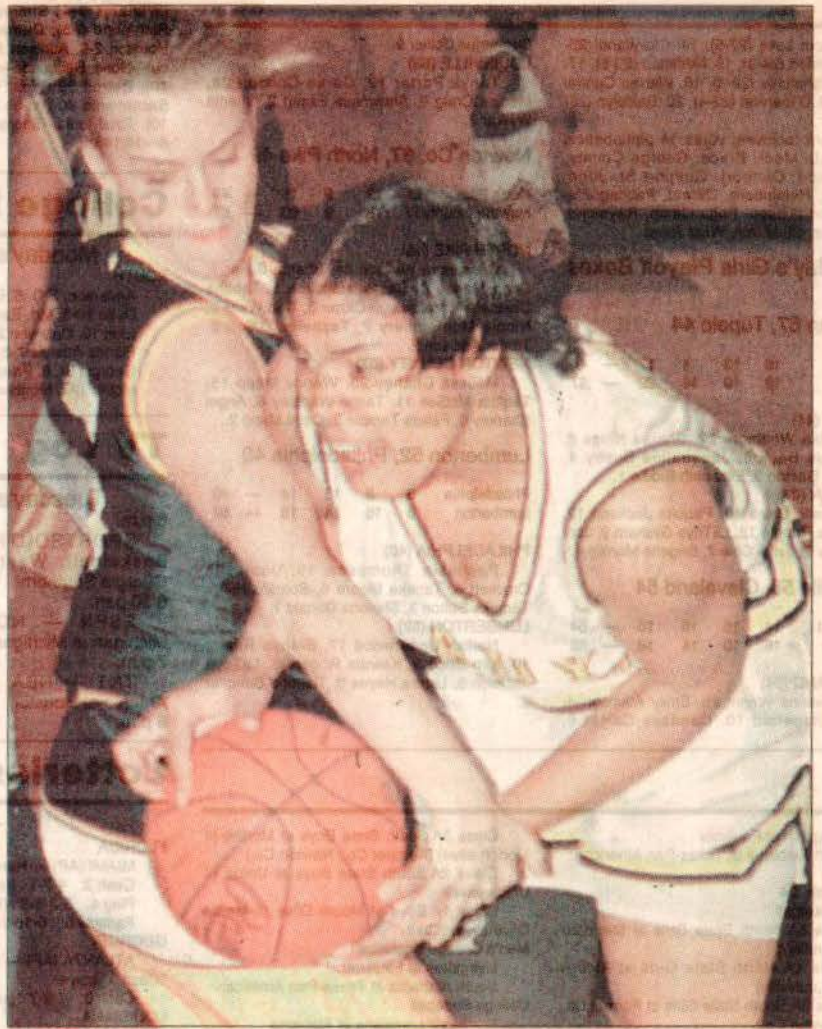
East Central, the South Division Champion, improved to 22-5 with the win. Northeast, the North Division runnerup, dropped to 18-10.

The Lady Warriors came out running, jumping out to a 56-36 halftime advantage.

"They were pressing all over the floor and because of foul trouble I was forced to go with a smaller lineup," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said. "Our guards are quick and we were able to score."

In other tournament action Monday, the Copiah-Lincoln men defeated Holmes 84-82, the Pearl River men edged Northeast 108-105 in overtime and the Northwest women rolled past Pearl River 75-65.

East Central will face Northwest in the finals today at 6 p.m. and the Pearl River men will take on Co-Lin at 8 p.m.



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ECCC's LaDonna Robinson gets fouled by Mandy Griffin.

EC women take tourney crown

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College wrapped up the South Division Tournament championship last week in Decatur by knocking off Southwest, Copiah-Lincoln, and Pearl River.

It was the Lady Warriors' first division tournament title since 1990.

The 21-5 Lady Warriors hosted the state tournament earlier this week.

The 9-17 EC men had a string of four-straight 20-win seasons snapped.

The Lady Warriors are assured of a berth in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College next week along with Pearl River, Northeast, Northwest, Holmes, Coahoma, Co-Lin, and Mary Holmes.

PEARL RIVER MEN 85, ECCC 80: The Warriors had their season ended with the Feb. 13 loss.

EC led 65-62 with 6:50 remaining before the Wildcats went on an 11-0 run. After that, EC got no closer than 77-71.

Philip Prince hit a school record eight 3-pointers to lead the Warriors with 26 points. He finished the season with 74 3s, also a school record.

Darvis Rasberry added 17 points, Eric Caples had 13, Johnny Mays 11, and Vincent Spencer eight.

Conley Verdun led 17-9 Pearl River with 29, 16 of which came in the second half.

Pearl River	45	40	— 85
ECCC	39	41	— 80

ECCC WOMEN 83, SOUTHWEST 75: EC almost let an easy win slip away in opening-night action. The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 21-8 lead and took a 42-29 lead into halftime of the Feb. 14 contest.

Southwest rallied to within 60-59 before the Lady Warriors stretched their lead back to 11.

Monica Davis led 19-5 EC with a game-high 24 points. Melody Reed added 12, Genia Griffin 10, Jennifer Alexander eight, Brandi Harber and Cyntia Ellis both had seven, Wilma Cooksey five, and LaDonna Robinson four.

Southwest	29	46	— 75
ECCC	42	41	— 83

ECCC WOMEN 70, COPIAH-LIN-COLN 64: The Lady Warriors atoned for two previous losses to Co-Lin with the Feb. 15 semifinal victory.

Genia Griffin hit four 3-pointers to lead the 20-5 Lady Warriors with 17 points. Also in double figures were Melody Reed with 14, Brandi Harber and Monica Davis with 11, and Cyntia Ellis with 10. Wilma Cooksey added three.

Harber was 5 of 6 at the free-throw line late in the game to preserve the win.

Marianna Reeves led 19-6 Co-Lin with 18.			
Co-Lin	25	39	— 64
ECCC	27	43	— 70

ECCC WOMEN 77, PEARL RIVER 68: The Lady Warriors outscored Pearl River 24-13 down the stretch to claim Thursday's championship.

EC jumped out to a 12-2 lead only to have the Lady Wildcats draw even at 31-31 at halftime. Pearl River led 55-53 before the Lady Warriors took control.

Melody Reed had 18 points, Monica Davis 16, Brandi Harber 14, and Genia Griffin 10 to lead EC. Cyntia Ellis added seven, Dane Vance five, and LaDonna Robinson three.

Elaine Powell led 22-5 Pearl River with a game-high 35 points.

East Central was whistled for 30 fouls to Pearl River's 27. EC made 22 of 35 free shots, while PRCC was 18 of 33.

Pearl River	31	37	— 68
ECCC	31	46	— 77

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Juco survivors set sights on top prize

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Now real juco basketball begins with the Region 23 playoffs Monday through Thursday at Mississippi College's Golden Dome.

After wading through lengthy seasons, then division and state tournaments, the 16 teams rated the best in Mississippi and Louisiana now go for the big prizes — berths in the national championships.

The men's championship will be played at Hutchinson, Kan., while the women will play at Tyler, Texas, both March 14-18.

The Pearl River Wildcats and the Northwest Mississippi Lady Rangers won the state tournament to earn two of the berths in the Region 23 tournament.

Region 23 field: The regional includes all state playoff teams, plus another three women's teams and two men's teams from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, plus three Miss/Lou Conference teams — Bossier Parish and Meridian men, Mary Holmes women.

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The men begin play on Monday, starting at noon with Bossier facing Holmes, then Meridian-Northeast at 1:45 p.m., Pearl River-Northwest at 6 and Copiah-Lincoln-Jones County at 7:45.

Women's play begins Tuesday with Northeast-Mary Holmes at noon, East Central-Coahoma 1:45 p.m., Northwest-Holmes 6 and Co-Lin-Pearl River 7:45. The semifinals are Wednesday with the championships Thursday, women at 6, men at 7:45.

Notes: Pearl River's state title was the 10th for the Wildcats, dominant early in state juco history with titles in 1927-28-29, then in 1935, 1945-47, 1958, 1960-65, before a 30-year drought was finally broken Tuesday in Decatur. Co-Lin has seven titles since 1949, most recently in 1988.

Holmes produced both MACJC 1995 basketball coaches of the year — Bennie Kimble for the men and Larry Therrell for the women.

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WIN DIVISION TITLE - An obviously excited group of East Central Community College Lady Warriors celebrate their 77-68 victory over nationally ranked Pearl River Thursday night for the MACJC South Division Tournament championship. Four ECCC women scored in double figures to claim the upset victory, led by Melody Reed of Forest with 18 points. Other top pointmakers were Monica Davis of Banks, Ark., 16; Brandi Harber of Union, 14; and Genia Griffin of Morton, 10. The Lady Warriors, who reached the division finals by eliminating Copiah-Lincoln (70-64) and Southwest (84-75), improved to 21-5 while Pearl River dropped to 22-5. Both teams advance to state tournament action scheduled February 20-21 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. The ECCC men earlier concluded the 1994-95 campaign by falling to the Pearl River Wildcats 85-80 in first-round tournament competition. The ECCC men posted a 9-17 mark. (EC Photo)

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Lady Wolves face balanced field

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

North and South Division junior college basketball playoffs open today with top seeds sitting out the first two days.

Not until Wednesday do the Northeast Mississippi men and women come onto the court in the North semifinals at East Mississippi in Scooba, just as the Jones County men and Pearl River women take their ease until then at East Central in Decatur.

Probably just as well, particularly for the Jones County Bobcats, only two weeks ago ranked No. 4 nationally with a 21-1 record. Since then the 'Cats of coach Fletcher Cockrell lost two of their last three games, dropping to 11th in last week's poll and likely to fall even deeper this week.

But Cockrell, after a recent run of injuries, should have his team at full strength by the South semifinals Wednesday against Tuesday's survivor between fourth-seeded Mississippi Gulf Coast and No. 5 Copiah-Lincoln. Co-Lin closed out the regular season crushing Jones County 93-66.

Co-Lin's second-seeded Lady Wolves, 10-2 South, 18-5 overall, lead off South women's play today at 6 p.m. against No. 7 Gulf Coast, last in the regular season with a 1-11 division record.

Only North cellar dweller Mississippi Delta at 0-12 did worse among state jucos, but Lady Wolves coach Gwyn Young suggests caution in taking anything for granted.

"Hardest part of this tournament might be playing at

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East Central," Young said of the third-seeded Lady Warriors, 9-3, 18-5. "But no one will be easy. Basically every game will be tough.

"Southwest showed that — 5-18 for the season, but losing by a point to Pearl River, which lost in the South only to East Central."

There is not much to choose between the South women's top three off their records — Pearl River, 11-1, 21-4, Co-Lin and East Central, Young added, but nothing comes easy in the league.

"North and South all the teams are well balanced, so there are no pushovers," Young said. "Pearl River probably stands out above all the others because of Elaine Powell, maybe the best player in the nation as well as the state.

"A great scorer, certainly, but unselfish, too, always willing to give up the ball to a teammate with a better shot. Yet even with her, Pearl River has lost, which shows me the league really is strong."

His Lady Wolves' success hinges on team balance, reflected in eight to nine players used in trying times, "with the bench real good at coming in and doing the job," Young said.

Leading Co-Lin is LaTassela Covington of Roxie with 16.9 scoring and 6.7 rebounding averages.

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"East Central has an aggressive team," Pearl River coach Richard Mathis said. "The 11-0 spurt was the turning point in the game."

East Central jumped out to a 13-10 lead early but Pearl River scored seven straight points to take a 17-10 advantage.

East Central cut the lead to 35-31 with 5:25 left in the first half and trailed 45-39 at half-time.

"We played hard as a team," Cooper said. "But good teams take advantage of spurts and Pearl River did."

East Central scored first in the second half to cut the lead to 45-41 and eventually tied the game at 52-52 with 12:20

left.

The Warriors outscored Pearl River 7-4 to lead 65-62 with 6:50 left in the contest.

Donnie Johnson scored 13 points for Pearl River. Collins and Donnell Spriggs added 11 points each.

Prince led East Central with 26 points. Rasberry had 17 points and Mays added 11.

Pearl River outrebounded the Warriors 30-23 and went to line 47 times to ECCC's 17, making 23-of-47. East Central hit 13-of-17.

Pearl River improved to 17-9 and the Warriors ended their season at 9-17.

■ **Southwest (men) 74, Hinds 64:** The Bears got 18 points apiece from Chadwick Johnson and Brian Watson to help knock off the No. 7 seed Bulldogs.

Adrian Conerly also poured

in 17 points for Southwest.

Darrell Diamond led Hinds with a game-high 20 points and Joseph McKenny finished with 18.

Southwest will play Pearl River Wednesday night.

■ **Co-Lin (women) 69, Gulf Coast 54:** The second-seeded Lady Wolves knocked off No. 7 Gulf coast thanks in part to LaTassela Covington's 20 points.

Co-Lin's LaTasha Crockett scored 16 points, Rhonda Lewis finished with 14 and Marianna Reeves added 10.

Gulf Coast got 20 points from Yoshe Robinson. Vicky Hall added nine points.

The Lady Wolves improved to 19-5 and will face the ECCC-Southwest winner Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Gulf Coast ended its season at 7-19.

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East Central men fall to Pearl River

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The seedings held true during the opening day of the Junior College South Division Basketball Tournament Monday afternoon at East Central Community College.

It was also a quick tournament for the host ECCC men's team, which fell to Pearl River in a tight contest, 85-80.

In other tournament action Monday, the Covich-Lincoln women's team rolled over Gulf Coast 69-54 and the Southwest Community College men's team beat Hinds 74-64.

Pearl River advanced to play No. 2 seed Southwest at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The East Central women's team will see its first action of the tourney tonight when the Lady Warriors take on Southwest at 6 p.m.

The ECCC men led 65-62 with 6:50 left in the game. Then

the Wildcats went on an 11-0 spurt over the next 2:30 to take a 73-65 lead. Conley Verdun of Pearl River hit three three-pointers during that span.

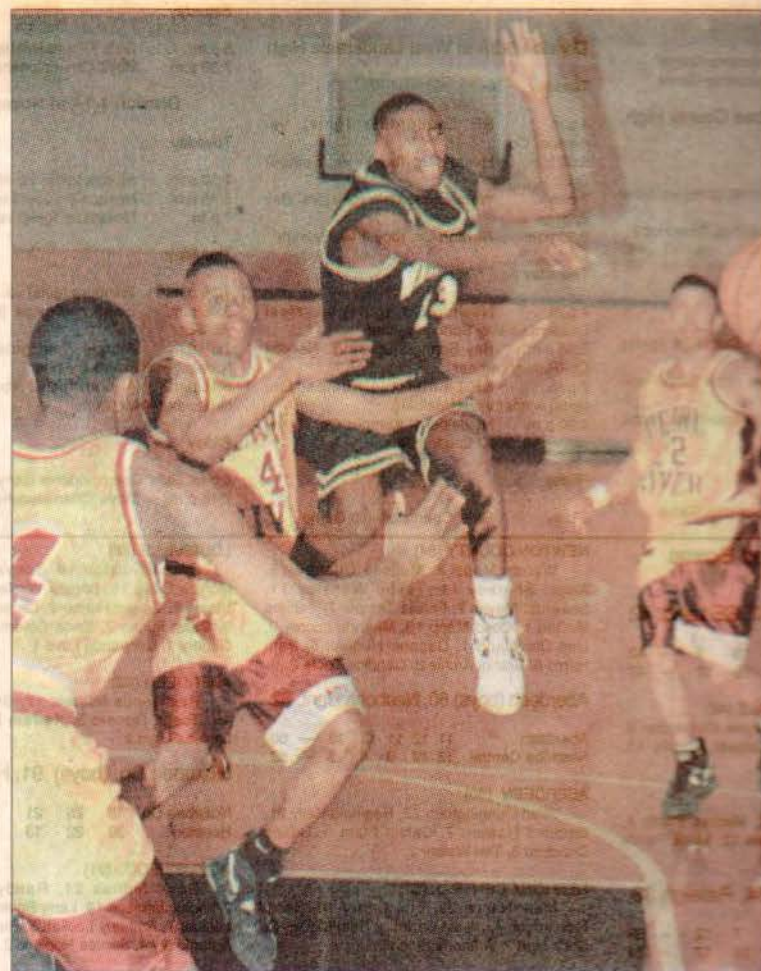
"Verdun is a good player," Warriors' coach Marty Cooper said. "We tried to defense him with (Johnny) Mays and (Darvis) Rasberry. But when we stopped him, others stepped up.

The Wildcats' Jimmy Cuyler hit a three-pointer to increase the lead to 76-65 with 2:35 remaining.

But ECCC's Phillip Prince nailed a three-pointer to cut the lead to 77-71 with 1:35 left.

PRCC's John Collins hit one of two free throws, increasing the lead to 78-71. His second free throw attempt got struck on the back rim and the Wildcats got the ball back on the alternate possession. Pearl River then hit seven free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

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East Central's Darvis Rasberry dishes the ball through a crowd of Pearl River defenders.

Powell gets hot to help top-seeded Lady

■ The nation's top scorer finishes with 32 points in a 72-69 win.

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

DECATUR — The Pearl River Lady Wildcats, ranked No. 7 nationally and seeded No. 1 in the South Division junior college tournament, got by Jones County 72-69 in Wednesday night's semifinals, thanks to another dazzling performance by Elaine Powell.

But the Jones County Bobcats, currently No. 13 in the nation, discovered ranking meant nothing as the Copiah-Lincoln Wolves broke away in the second half to take a 73-66 win.

That sets up championship games tonight in

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East Central's Brackeen-Wood Gym at 6 with Pearl River facing third-seeded East Central, a 70-64 winner over the second-seeded Co-Lin women, then at 8, Co-Lin takes on Pearl River, a 71-61 winner over Southwest. Champions advance to state next Monday and Tuesday at the home of tonight's women's winner.

The Lady Bobcats led much of the opener and were up 42-33 at halftime, thanks to poor rebounding and shooting by Pearl River.

That pattern continued well into the second half. With Pearl River trailing 58-50, Lady 'Cat coach Polly Kirkland took a timeout during

which she virtually screamed, "We have thrown (the ball) to everyone in this gym except who it's intended for."

Thereafter her team closed to a 64-64 tie with 4:25 left, bringing a call for time by JCJC coach Katie Herrington, which reinvigorated her team.

Until Elaine Powell, the nation's top scorer, delivered her last score of a remarkable second half to put PR up 70-69. Sister Karen Powell sealed the victory with two free throws 30 seconds from the end.

"I told the team at halftime Jones is playing this game for their season, because they won't be going to the regional (two weeks hence at Mississippi College)," Kirkland said. "But we kept throwing the ball all over the place."

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Wildcats to victory

Elaine Powell finished with 32 points for Pearl River, 22-4, followed by Keisa Warren with 15 and Karen Powell 10; Jones County, 15-12, was led by Dana Watson with 13.

East Central, 20-5, had Genia Griffin with 17, Melody Reed 14, Brandi Harber 11 and Cynthia Ellis 10; Marianna Reeves led Co-Lin, 19-6, with 18 points.

The Co-Lin men, 15-12, had Timothy Hooker with 20, Nick Dillon 17 and Eric Terrell 14; Jones County, 22-4, was led by Louis Richardson with 20, Marcus Price 17 and Antoine Hubbard 12.

Pearl River, 17-9, topped 14-12 Southwest behind Conley Verdun's 27 points. Southwest, which trailed 30-27 at the break, was led by Brian Watson with 17.

South tourney underway at EC

Regular season action came to an end for both East Central Community College basketball teams last week, with the Lady Warriors claiming victories over Gulf Coast and Jones while the men were not as fortunate, although the Warriors provided quite a scare for the highly ranked Jones Bobcats.

The Lady Warriors, who completed '94-95 competition by posting an 18-5 overall record and 9-3 mark in South Division play, defeated Gulf Coast 76-55 Thursday in Perkinson and outscored Jones 63-53 February 6 in Decatur.

LaDonna Robinson led Lady Warrior scorers with her 22-point effort. Also scoring were Monica Davis, 20; Dane Vance, 7; Brandi Harber and J.J. Moorehead, 6 each; Jennifer Alexander, 5; Wilma Cooksey, 4; Melody Reed, 3; Sara Hollingsworth, 2; and Christy Madison and Chasity Bounds, 1 each.

EC led 30-23 at halftime.

Against Jones, Moorehead was top point-getter with 10. Other

leading scorers were Harber and Davis, 9 each; and Genia Griffin and Robinson, 8 apiece.

In men's action, EC fell 80-71 to Gulf Coast and lost a nail-biting 65-62 overtime decision to nationally ranked Jones. Following both losses, the Warriors dropped to 9-16 and 2-10.

Philip Prince led the Warriors against Gulf Coast with 21 points. Also scoring were Eric Caples and Vincent Spencer, 12 each; Bobby Viverette, 7; O.J. McNichols and Mike Hurst, 6 each; Darvis Rasberry, 5; and Jamie Suttles, 2.

Gulf Coast led 37-27 at intermission.

The Jones men, once ranked as high as fourth in the nation, escaped with a three-point overtime victory after the Bobcats and War-

riors were tied 57-57 at the end of regulation. Jones improved to 22-2 following the hard-fought win.

Prince again led EC scorers with 14 points. Other pointmakers were Rasberry, 13; Caples, 11; Hurst, 10; Spencer, Suttles and Viverette, 4 each; and McNichols, 2.

EC led 28-25 at halftime.

ECCC HOSTS SOUTH TOURNEY

The Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus serves as site of the MACJC South State Tournament scheduled February 13-16. Finals are set for 6 (women) and 8 p.m. (men) on Thursday. The winner and runner-up of each division advance to the state tournament which will be hosted by the South women's winner February 20-21.

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ECCC takes tourney

By **Albert Crowther**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — On Thursday night, out came the slingshots and down fell a few Goliaths.

The two top seeds left alive in the Mississippi Junior College South Division Tournament fell in the finals.

Pearl River, the No. 1 women's team, fell to host East Central 77-68, while on the men's side, third-seeded Copiah-Lincoln took out No. 2 seed Pearl River, 88-84.

"Every team I have coached has been different. This team plays with a lot of heart and is now playing well as a team," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said.

The Lady Warriors (21-5) advanced to the state tournament, which East Central hosts Monday and Tuesday.

ECCC takes on Northeast Monday at 6 p.m.

East Central scored the first four points of the game to lead 4-0 before Elaine Powell of Pearl River scored the Wildcats' first basket at the 17:41 mark.

Pearl River (22-5) didn't score for the next three minutes as East Central scored eight points and took a 12-2 lead.

"This was an important game and we wanted to get off to a good start," said East Central's Melody Reed, who led the Lady Warriors with 18 points.

Pearl River got back in the game with a 6-0 burst.

The teams took a 31-31 tie into halftime and the Lady Wildcats took their first lead when Powell hit a shot 22 seconds into the second half, making it 33-32.

Over the next 12 minutes the score was tied seven times. ECCC's Brandi Harber nailed a shot with 7:32 left that gave the Warriors the lead for good at 59-57.

Pearl River cut the lead to three, 63-60, on a Caronica Debose hoop. Harber answered with a three-point-er.

Powell made it a two-point game, 69-67, with 1:22 left.

East Central hit a 9-1 run to end the game.

Powell led all scorers with 35 points. Debose and Karen Powell had 11 each.

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Monica Davis followed Reed with 16 points and Harber had 14. Genia Griffin added 10.

■ **Copiah-Lincoln 88, Pearl River 84:** Timothy Hooker scored 32 points as Co-Lin knocked off its third higher-seeded opponent of the tournament.

The Wolves (16-12) got 20 points from Nick Dillion and 16 from Haashim Simmons. Jerry Collins added 13.

Pearl River's Conley Verdun scored 24, while Donnie Johnson had 18.

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ECCC Teams End Season

Regular season action came to an end for both East Central Community College basketball teams last week with the Lady Warriors claiming victories over Gulf Coast and Jones while the men were not as fortunate, although the Warriors provided quite a scare for the highly ranked Jones Bobcats.

The Lady Warriors, who completed the '94-95 competition by posting an 18-5 overall record and 9-3 mark in South Division Play, defeated Gulf Coast 76-55 Thursday in Perkinston and outscored Jones 63-53 February 6 in Decatur.

LaDonna Robinson led Lady Warrior scorers with her 22 point effort. Also scoring were Monica Davis, 20; Dane Vance, 7; Brandi Harber and J. J. Moorehead, 6 each; Jennifer Alexander, 5; Wilma Cooksey, 4; Melody Reed, 3; Sara Hollingsworth, 2; and Christy Madison and Chasity Bounds, 1 each. E. C. led 30-23 at halftime.

Against Jones, Moorehead was top point-getter with 10. Other leading scorers were Harber and Davis, 9 each; and Genia Griffin and Robinson, 8 apiece.

In men's action, EC fell 80-71 to Gulf Coast and lost a nail-biting 65-62 overtime decision to nationally ranked Jones. Following both losses, the Warriors dropped to 9-16 and 2-10.

Phillip Prince led the Warriors against Gulf Coast with 21 points. Also scoring were Eric Caples and Vincent Spencer, 12 each; Bobby Viverette, 7; O. J. Nichols and Mike Hurst, 6 each; Darvis Rasberry, 5; and Jamie Suttles, 2. Gulf Coast led 37-27 at intermission.

The Jones men, once ranked as high as fourth in the nation, escaped with a three-point overtime victory after the Bobcats and Warriors were tied 57-57 at the end of regulation. Jones improved to 22-2 following the hard-fought win.

Prince again led EC scorers with 14 points. Other pointmakers were Rasberry, 13; Caples, 11; Hurst, 10; Spencer, Suttles and Viverette, 4 each; and McNichols, 2. E.C. led 28-25 at halftime.

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ECCC reaches South

By **Albert Crowther**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The showdown is set once again.

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors will get another chance to knock off top-seeded Pearl River in the finals of the Mississippi Junior College South Division Tournament.

ECCC, the tournament's No. 3 seed, reached today's championship game by knocking off second-seeded Copiah-Lincoln Community College 70-64 in Decatur Wednesday.

The Pearl River women held off a late rally by Jones County Junior College Wednesday to claim a 72-69 victory.

East Central upset Pearl River at home Dec. 8, 1994 and Pearl River won the second meeting in Poplarville Jan. 30.

In other tournament action, the Jones County men's team, ranked No. 13 in the nation and seeded first in the tournament, was upset by No. 5 seed Co-Lin, 73-66.

The Wolves will face third-seeded Pearl River in the today's finals. The Wildcats knocked off second-seeded Southwest 71-61 Wednesday.

The women's finals begin at 6 p.m. and the men's championship game will tip off at 8 p.m.

■ **East Central (women) 70, Co-Lin 64:** The first half was played in spurts by both teams.

East Central scored the first six points of the game before Co-Lin scored the next nine to go up by three.

East Central tied the score at 13-13 with 7:48 left in the first half and again at 23-23 with 2:10 to go until the intermission.

East Central led 27-25 at the half.

"I thought we played with great intensity on offense and defense," Lady Warriors' coach Sammy Pace said. "Every player that I substituted into the game got into the flow easily."

Free throw shooting hurt Co-Lin in the first half. The Lady Wolves made just 8 of 15 and East Central hit 4 of 7.

"We missed too many free throws," Co-Lin coach Gwyn Young said. "We did not play good defense and we fouled too much."

With the score tied at 38-38 midway through the second half, East Central went on an 11-2 run to break out to a 49-40 lead with 10 minutes remaining.

The Lady Warriors led by as many as 10 points, 56-46 when guard Brandi Harber nailed a three-pointer. Co-Lin cut the lead to four points on three different occasions at 58-54, 60-56 and the last

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time at 62-58 with 1:18 to play, then got to within one point at 65-64 with 27 seconds left.

But Harber hit the front end of a one-and-one, then Melody Reed rebounded the missed second free throw with 18 seconds left and passed the ball back to Harber, who was fouled again.

This time, the former Union High standout sank both free throws to ice the game.

"With this win, we will definitely be a top-four seed at the Regional Tournament," Pace said.

Co-Lin finished the game 15 of 29 from the free throw line and East Central finished 19 of 27, including a 15-for-20 performance in the second half.

Genia Griffin led East Central with 17 points. Reed finished with 14 points, Harber and Monica Davis had 11 points apiece and Tia Ellis added 10.

ECCC improved to 20-5 and Co-Lin fell to 19-6.

Marianna Reeves led Co-Lin with 18 points. Danya Kohn scored 12 points and Rhonda Lewis had 10.

■ **Co-Lin (men) 73, Jones 66:** For the second time in as many weeks, the Wolves beat the Bobcats.

Jones led 32-29 at the half but Co-Lin outscored Jones 44-34 in the second half to advance to the finals.

Co-Lin was led by Timothy Hooker with 20 points. Nick Dillion added 17 points and Eric Terrell finished with 14.

Jones was led by Louis Richardson's 20 points. Marcus Price scored 19 points and Antoine Hubbard had 12.

■ **Pearl River (women) 72, Jones 69:** Elaine Powell led three Lady Wildcats in double figures with 32 points. Keisa Warren added 15 points and Karen Powell had 10.

Jones was led by Dana Watson with 13 points. Amy Parker added 12 points, former Wayne County High standout Kanesha Lampley finished with 11 and Kandice Owens had 10.

■ **Pearl River (men) 71, Southwest 61:** Pearl River led 30-25 at the half.

Southwest pulled to within two points at 44-42 midway through the second half but could get no closer than four down the stretch.

PRCC's Conley Verdun led all scorers with 27 points. Donnell Spriggs finished with 14 points and Jimmy Cuyler and Donnie Johnson had 10 points each.

Brian Watson led Southwest with 17 points. Justin Adams added 13 points, Dyron Williams had 12 points and Chadwick Johnson wound up with 11.

East Central hosts South half tourney

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors closed out regular-season play last week with a pair of victories, while the Warriors suffered two defeats.

Entering this week's South Division Tournament which began Monday at ECCC, the Lady Warriors were 18-5, while the Warriors had a 9-16 mark. The division tournament runs through Thursday.

ECCC WOMEN 63, JONES 53: The Lady Warriors used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Jones on Feb. 6 in Decatur.

In improving to 8-3 in the South Division and 17-5 overall, EC got 10 points from J.J. Moorehead, nine from both Brandi Harber and Monica Davis, and eight from both Genia Griffin and LaDonna Robinson.

Jones fell to 5-6 in the division and 14-10 overall.

JONES MEN 65, ECCC 62 (OT): The Warriors nearly pulled off a major upset before falling to the nationally-ranked Bobcats in overtime on Feb. 6 in Decatur.

Philip Prince led EC with 14 points. Darvis Rasberry added 13, Eric Caples 11, and Mike Hurst 10. Vincent Spencer, Jamie Suttles, and Bobby Viverette each had four.

Eleventh-ranked Jones (10-1, 22-2) was led by Antonio Hubbard's game-high 27 points.

Jones	25	34	6 — 65
ECCC	28	31	3 — 62

ECCC WOMEN 76, GULF COAST 55: The Lady Warriors outscored Gulf Coast 46-32 in the second half of Thursday's South Division win at Perkinson.

LaDonna Robinson scored 22 points and Monica Davis added 20 to lead EC which improved to 9-3 in the division and 18-5 overall. Dane Vance added seven, J.J. Moorehead and Brandi Harber both had six, Jennifer Alexander had five, Wilma Cooksey tossed in four, and Melody Reed added three.

Yoursheko Robinson led Gulf Coast (1-11, 7-18) with 17 points, while Paula Lewis had 15.

ECCC	30	46 — 76
Gulf Coast	23	32 — 55

GULF COAST MEN 80, ECCC 71: A 37-27 halftime deficit was too much for the Warriors to overcome Thursday night at Perkinson.

Philip Prince led EC with 21 points. Vincent Spencer and Eric Caples both added 12, Bobby Viverette seven, O.J. McNichols and Mike Hurst both scored six, and Darvis Rasberry added five.

ECCC	27	44 — 71
Gulf Coast	37	43 — 80

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ECCC to Host Tourney

If you love basketball - especially juco style - then East Central Community College is the place to be February 13-16 when the MACJC South State Tournament is held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Although actual tournament pairings will not be determined until regular season competition concludes later this week, game times have been established for each day. Matchups are scheduled at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 on Monday and Tues-

day; 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 on Wednesday; and 6:00 and 8:00 (finals) on Thursday.

Participating in the annual tourney are men and women squads from East Central, Copiah-Lincoln, Jones, Pearl River, Southwest and Hinds.

Tournament winners and runners-up advance to the state competition which will be held February 20-21 at the site of the South women's winner.

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Basketball at EC

Both ECCC teams fell to division foe Pearl River Community College January 30 in Poplarville.

The Lady Warriors lost 93-74 while the Warriors suffered an 85-72 setback.

Robinson led the ECCC women with 25 points. Also scoring were Davis, 14; Moorehead, 9; Harber, 8; Vance and Wilma Cooksey, 6 each; Reed, 4; Griffin, Kim Gentry and Chasity Bounds, 2 each; and Alexander, 1.

PRC led 47-37 at halftime.

Prince led EC with 27 points, followed by Suttles and Rasberry with 10 each; O.J. McNichols, 7; Eric Caples, 6; and Viverette, Norman and Vincent Spence, 4 each.

The Wildcats led 45-27 at intermission.

REMAINING SEASON GAMES

Only two games remain for both

EC squads prior to competition in the MACJC South State Tournament. East Central hosts Jones Junior College on February 6 and travels to Gulf Coast Community College on February 9.

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EC enters final week of regular season

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 1-1 in last week's basketball action and brought a 16-5 record into the final week of the regular season.

The Warriors were 0-2 and entered this week at 9-14.

East Central will host the South Division tournament, Feb. 13-16.

PEARL RIVER WOMEN 93, ECCC 74: The Lady Warriors fell to 7-3 in the South Division and 15-5 overall with the Jan. 30 loss at Poplarville.

LaDonna Robinson led EC with 20 points. Monica Davis scored 14, J.J. Moorehead nine, Brandi Harber eight, Dane Vance and Wilma Cooksey both had six, and Melody Reed added four.

The Lady Wildcats led 47-37 at halftime in avenging an earlier 75-66 loss to EC in Decatur.

Pearl River (9-1, 18-4) got 32 points from Elaine Powell and 20 from Caronica Debose.

ECCC 37 37 — 74
Pearl River 47 46 — 93

PEARL RIVER MEN 85, ECCC 72: The Warriors fell behind 45-27 during the first half as they fell to 2-8 in the South Division and 9-13 overall.

Philip Prince hit four 3-pointers as he led the Warriors with a game-high 27 points. Darvis Rasberry and Jamie Suttles both had 10, O.J. McNichols added seven, and Eric Caples six. Vincent Spencer, Alphonzo Norman, and Bobby Viverette each had four.

Donnie Johnson led Pearl River (6-4, 14-8) with 24 points.

ECCC 27 45 — 72
Pearl River 45 40 — 85

ECCC WOMEN 78, HOLMES 73: The Lady Warriors trailed throughout most of Thursday's non-division contest at Decatur, but outscored Holmes 27-15 over the final 7:52 to improve to 16-5.

Holmes led 34-26 at halftime, but the Lady Warriors racked up 52 points in the second half.

Monica Davis scored 20 points and

Brandi Harber had 19, 14 of which came in the second half, to lead EC. Genia Griffin added nine, LaDonna Robinson had eight, J.J. Moorehead seven, Melody Reed six, Cynthia Ellis four, and Dane Vance three.

Holmes (14-8) got 18 points from Mahalia McDonald and 15 each from Alice Demus and Likeesha Roby.

Holmes 34 39 — 73
ECCC 26 52 — 78

HOLMES MEN 75, ECCC 60: The Warriors fell to 9-14 as they dropped Thursday's non-division contest to the 18-4 Bulldogs in Decatur.

The Warriors trailed 44-24 during the first half before rallying to within 44-34 at halftime. Philip Prince opened the second half with a five-point run to narrow the gap to 44-39 before the Bulldogs pulled away.

Prince led EC with 17 points, while Johnny Mays was a close second with 16. Jamie Suttles added 10 and Darvis Rasberry and Bobby Viverette both scored six.

Tim Sanders led Holmes with 19. Holmes 44 31 — 75
ECCC 34 26 — 60

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South Division Tourney is Feb. 13th...

Lady Warriors get past Holms 78-73

Lady Warriors Monica Davis and Brandi Harber combined for 39 points and led East Central Community College to a 78-73 come-from-behind win over Holmes Community College Thursday night. The ECCC women, who improved to 16-5 overall and remained 7-3 in league play, trailed throughout most of the non-division matchup until LaDonna Robinson's short jumper gave EC the lead for good at 59-58 with just over five minutes remaining.

East Central was led in scoring by Davis who pumped in 20 points followed by Harber's 19-point effort. Also scoring were Genia Griffin, 9; Robinson, 8; J.J. Moorehead, 7; Melody Reed, 6; Cyntia Ellis, 4; Dane Vance, 3; and Jennifer Alexander, 2.

Holmes led 34-26 at halftime.

In men's action, Holmes outscored the Warriors by a 75-60 margin.

East Central, which dropped to 9-14, was led in scoring by Philip Prince with 17 points. Other point-makers were Johnny Maye, 16; Jamie Suttles, 10; Darvis Rasberry and Bobby Viverette, 6 each; Alphonzo Norman, 3; and Mike Hurst, 2.

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Junior colleges prepare for postseason play

The Clarion-Ledger

East Mississippi at Scooba and East Central at Decatur will play host to next week's Mississippi's junior college division basketball tournaments.

The top two men's and women's finishers in the division tournaments, which run Monday through Thursday, will advance to the state championships. The state tournament will be Feb. 20-21 at the site of the South Division women's winner.

Regular-season champion Pearl River, which is ranked 19th in this week's women's poll, is the favorite to host the state tournament.

But Pearl River, 20-4 overall and 11-1 in South play, barely squeezed by Copiah-Lincoln, 18-5

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and 10-2, while third-place East Central, 18-5 and 9-3, playing at home, also figures as a serious championship contender.

Jones County, ranked 11th nationally among the men, is the pre-tourney favorite but also could have trouble. The Bobcats lost 93-66 Thursday to Copiah-Lincoln in their final regular-season game.

Jones coach Fletcher Cockrell was without two top players, 6-foot-8 forward Louis Richardson and 6-3½ forward Curtis Russell, who were held

out to avoid aggravating recent injuries.

Jones finished first in the South anyway, at 23 and 10-2. Next were Southwest Mississippi, 11 and 8-4, and Pearl River, 15-9 and 7-5.

The Northeast Mississippi men and women are both seeded No. 1 in the North. The Tigers, 19-6, and Lady Tigers, 16-8, each went 10-2 in division play.

Holmes, 19-6, and Northwest Mississippi, 23, tied for second among the men, both at 9-3, but the Bulldogs are seeded second.

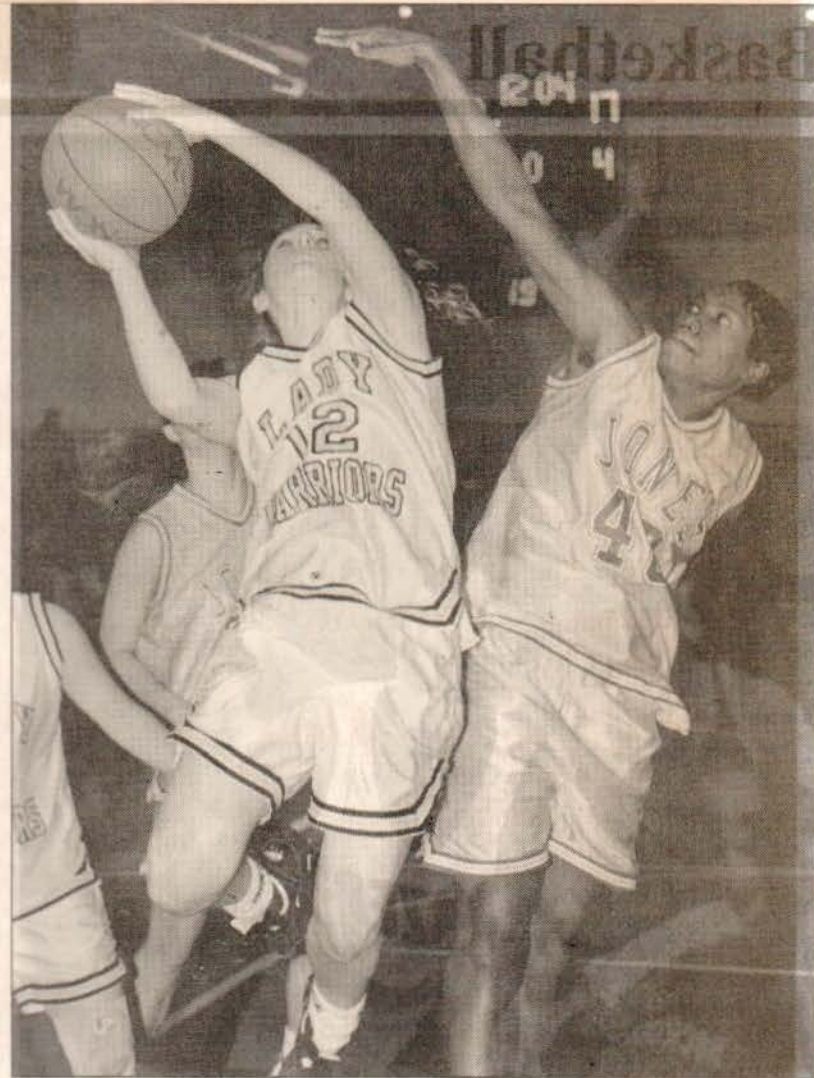
The Northwest women were second at 15 and 8-4, and Coahoma third at 16-8 and 7-5.

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East Central's Melody Reed (left) gets tripped by a Jones player while J.J. Moorehead (right) shoots against the Bobcats.

Lady Warriors pound Jones

Staff reports

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors showed their scoring balance against visiting Jones Junior College Monday night. The ECCC women had five different players hit a total of six three-pointers to help secure a 63-53 victory over the Lady Bobcats. The East Central men's team, which has struggled at times this season, put forth a tremendous defensive effort against fourth-ranked Jones but succumbed to the Bobcats in overtime 65-62. East Central's next con-

test will come Thursday at Gulf Coast in the final regular-season game. The Warriors will host the South State Tournament next week starting Monday.

"I was real pleased with the outcome," ECCC women's coach Sammy Pace said. "Jones has a good ball club. They can beat anybody in the South Division. They have a lot of good athletes."

Former Union High School standout guard J.J. Moorehead led the Lady Warriors with 10 points. Guard Brandi Harber, also from Union, and Monica Davis each finished with nine points and Genia Griffin and LaDonna

Robinson had eight points apiece.

Every player on the ECCC roster got to play in the contest and nine different people scored.

Melody Reed led East Central in rebounds with 11, Griffin pulled down eight boards and Davis grabbed seven.

ECCC improved to 17-5.

■ Jones (men) 65, East Central 62 (OT): The Warriors fell to 9-15 overall and 2-9 in the South Division.

But they didn't go down without giving the Bobcats a scare.

Phillip Prince poured in a team-high 11 points, Darvis

Rasberry had 13 points, Eric Caples scored 11 points and Mike Hurst added 10.

"Last time we played them, they beat us 110-77 at Jones," East Central coach Marty Cooper said. "I'd say we showed a big improvement."

"Our inside guys played a great defensive game. Hurst is 6-foot-4 and Caples is 6-3. They had to guard (players who were) 6-9 and 6-6."

The game was tied 57-57 at the end of regulation. Jones had a chance to win the game in regulation but Antonio Hubbard's shot missed the mark.

Hubbard scored 27 points to lead the Bobcats.

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East Central's Melody Reed gets hung up between two Jones County defenders. The Lady Warriors upended Jones 63-53 in Decatur Monday night. The Warrior men lost 65-62 in overtime to the fourth-ranked Bobcats. For details, see page 3f

ECCC women lose

After upsetting 12th ranked Pearl River earlier in the season, East Central wasn't as fortunate the second time around, as the Lady Wildcats routed the Lady Warriors by 19, 93-74.

PRCC improved to 18-4 and 8-2 in the juco South Division while East Central dropped to 15-5 and 7-3.

PRCC's Elaine Powell led all scorers with a game-high 32 points. The Lady Wildcats led by 10, 47-37, at halftime.

LaDonna Robinson led ECCC with 20 points while Monica Davis chipped in 14.

Caronica Dubose added 20 points for the Lady Wildcats while Voloria Carpenter had 11 and Kristi Russell 10.

■ **Pearl River (men) 85, East Central 72:** The Warriors fell to 9-13 with the loss.

Phillip Prince scored a game-high 27 points for ECCC. Pearl River improved to 14-8.

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ECCC teams sweep by Hinds Eagles

It was "sweep night" at East Central Community College last Thursday as the Warriors and Lady Warriors won handily over competition from Hinds Community College.

The Warriors, led by Vincent Spencer's 18 points, cruised to a 92-71 victory and improved their season record to 9-12 overall and 2-7 in division action while the Lady Warriors, paced by Genia Griffin and Monica Davis with 15 points each, won by an 85-70 margin. The ECCC women are now 15-4 overall and 7-2 in league play.

Besides Spencer, other ECCC pointmakers were Philip Prince, 16; Jamie Suttles and Darvis Rasberry, 14 each; Johnny Mays, 12; O.J. McNichols, 9; Bobby Viverette, 6; Mike Hurst, 5; and Alphonza Norman and Eric Caples, four each.

EC led 43-29 at halftime.

Other scorers for the Lady Warriors included Brandi Harber, 12; Melody Reed, 11; J.J. Moorehead, 9; LaDonna Robinson, 7; Cyntia Ellis, 5; Dane Vance and Christy Madison, 3 each; Jennifer Alexander and Wilma Cooksey, 2 each;

and Kim Gentry, 1.

East Central led 44-25 at halftime.

In games played Monday, January 23, Prince scored 30 points and led the Warriors to a 72-64 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College while the ECCC women dropped a 67-65 decision to the visiting Lady Wolves.

Besides Prince, other pointmakers were Mays, 20; Rasberry, 8; Spencer, 6; McNichols and Hurst, 3 each; and Caples, 2.

Co-Lin led 36-34 at halftime.

Cooksey led the Lady Warriors in scoring with 14 points. Also scoring were Vance, 13; Davis, 10; Reed, 8; Moorehead, 6; Harber and Robinson, 5 each; and Alexander and Griffin, 2 each.

The score was tied 32-32 at halftime.

GAMES THIS WEEK

In games scheduled this week East Central will host Holmes Community College on Thursday, February 2. The Lady Warriors and Warriors entertain Jones Junior College Monday, February 6.

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EC men escape league cellar

By **MARTY STAMPER**
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College men claimed two South Division basketball victories last week as they improved to 9-12. EC swept Copiah-Lincoln and Hinds.

The 15-4 Lady Warriors bounced back from a two-point loss to Co-Lin to trounce Hinds by 15.

COPIAH-LINCOLN WOMEN 67, ECCC 65: The Lady Warriors fell to Co-Lin for the second time this season as the Lady Wolves claimed the Jan. 23 victory in Decatur.

After entering halftime knotted at 32-32, Co-Lin outscored EC 35-33 over the final 20 minutes.

Wilma Cooksey led EC with 14 points. Dane Vance of Philadelphia had 13, Monica Davis 10, Melody Reed eight, J.J. Moorehead six, while Brandi Harber and LaDonna Robinson both had five.

The Lady Warriors fell to 6-2 in the South Division and 14-4 overall.

Co-Lin (6-1, 14-4) was led by La'Tassela Covington with 19 points, while Rhonda Lewis added 15.

Co-Lin 32 35 — 67
ECCC 32 33 — 65

ECCC MEN 72, COPIAH-LINCOLN 64: The Warriors got their first division win on Jan. 23 as they outscored Co-Lin 38-28 during the second half.

Philip Prince of Leake Academy led EC with a game-high 30 points. Johnny Mays tossed in 20, while Darvis Rasberry scored eight, Vincent Spencer six, Mike Hurst three, and O.J. McNichols three.

The Warriors improved to 1-7 in division play and 8-12 overall.

Nick Dillon led Co-Lin (4-3, 11-9) with 18 points, while Haashim Simmons had 17.

Co-Lin led 36-34 at halftime.

Co-Lin 36 28 — 64
ECCC 34 38 — 72

ECCC WOMEN 85, HINDS 70: The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 15-2 lead in winning Thursday's division contest at Decatur.

Twelve Lady Warriors scored in the win. Genia Griffin and Monica



Former Neshoba Central Rocket Vincent Spencer (44) shoots for two of his season-high 18 points in EC's 92-71 win over Hinds.

Davis both had 15, Brandi Harber had 12, Melody Reed 11, J.J. Moorehead nine, LaDonna Robinson seven, Cynthia Ellis five, Dane Vance three and Christy Madison three.

EC led 44-25 at halftime in improving to 7-2 in the South half and 15-4 overall.

Pamela Lazare led Hinds (3-6, 6-14) with 17 points, while Tarsha Bowie had 13 and Monique Davis 12.
Hinds 25 45 — 70
ECCC 44 41 — 85

ECCC MEN 92, HINDS 71: The Warriors jumped out to a 43-29 halftime lead as they made Hinds their second-consecutive league victim Thursday night in Decatur.

All 10 Warriors scored at least four

points. Vincent Spencer of Neshoba Central led EC with a season-high 18 points, while Philip Prince had 16. Darvis Rasberry scored 14, Johnny Mays added 12, O.J. McNichols nine, Bobby Viverette six, and Mike Hurst five. Eric Caples, Alphonzo Norman, and Jamie Suttles each had four.

Prince had four 3-point baskets to run his school-record season total to 56. He is also averaging a team-high 20.4 points per game.

The Warriors improved to 2-7 in the South Division and 9-12 overall.

Hinds (1-8, 3-17) got 18 points from Darrell Diamond and 14 from Mark Smith.

Hinds 29 42 — 71
ECCC 43 49 — 92

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Women	Men
(15-4)	(9-12)
January	at Pearl River
February	Holmes
2	Jones
6	at Gulf Coast
9	South State at East Central
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The score was tied 32-32 at halftime.

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Basketball at ECCC

East Central has two remaining home games...this Thursday vs. Holmes and then Monday, Feb. 6 vs. Jones...local fans need to support the ECCC squads.

East Central will host the South State boys and girls tournament during Feb. 13-16. The South girls winner will host the State so the Lady Warriors have an added incentive to get the top spot.

Region 23 play is set for Mississippi College 2/21-28 and 3/1-2...it would be great to see ECCC there, and beyond.

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EC women take 2 in South half

By **MARTY STAMPER**
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 2-0 in last week's basketball action as they improved to 14-3.

The Warriors lost both of their contests as they dipped to 7-12.

ECCC WOMEN 82, GULF COAST 60: A dozen Lady Warriors scored in the Jan. 17 rout of Gulf Coast in Decatur.

LaDonna Robinson led EC with 18 points. Brandi Harber added 14, Monica Davis 10, Melody Reed nine, J.J. Moorehead and Kim Gentry both had six, Dane Vance, Wilma Cooksey, and Genia Griffin each had four, and Jennifer Alexander added three.

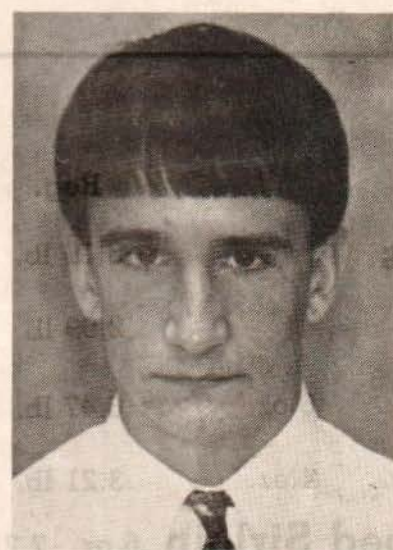
EC had a 37-27 halftime lead after scoring the first eight points of the contest.

Quisha Herbert led Gulf Coast with 15.

EC improved to 5-1 in the South Division and 13-3 overall. Gulf Coast fell to 1-5 and 6-12.

Gulf Coast 27 33 — 60
ECCC 37 45 — 82

GULF COAST MEN 82, ECCC 77: The Warriors fell behind by 10 (40-30) during the first half of the Jan. 17 division contest in Decatur as they dropped to 0-6 in the league and 7-11 overall.



EC's Philip Prince hit nine 3-pointers in last week's action to run his season total to 49. He totalled 55 points against Gulf Coast and Southwest.

Philip Prince hit six 3-pointers to lead the Warriors with a game-high 33 points. Mike Hurst scored 12, Johnny Mays nine, Vincent Spencer eight, Alphonzo Norman six, Darvis Rasberry five, and O.J. McNichols four.

Gulf Coast (3-3, 9-8) was led by Ira Newble's 21 points.

Gulf Coast 40 42 — 82
ECCC 30 47 — 77

ECCC WOMEN 75, SOUTHWEST 61: The Lady Warriors improved to 6-1 in the South Division and 14-3 overall with Thursday's victory at Summit.

EC held a 36-24 halftime advantage.

The Lady Warriors got 15 points each from Dane Vance and Monica Davis, 10 from Genia Griffin, nine from Brandi Harber, six each from J.J. Moorehead, Wilma Cooksey, and Melody Reed, and four each from Cyntia Ellis and LaDonna Robinson.

Southwest fell to 1-6 in the division and 4-13 overall.

ECCC 36 39 — 75
Southwest 24 37 — 61

SOUTHWEST MEN 77, ECCC 65: The Warriors fell behind 41-22 during the first half of Thursday's league contest at Summit.

Philip Prince led the Warriors with 22 points and hit three 3-pointers to run his season's total to 49. Mike Hurst added 10 points, while Bobby Viverette scored eight, Johnny Mays seven, O.J. McNichols five, Darvis Rasberry four, and Jamie Suttles three.

EC dropped to 0-7 in the division and 7-12 overall.

The Bears of Southwest improved to 5-2 and 10-8.

ECCC 22 43 — 65
Southwest 41 36 — 77

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Also scoring for the Lady Warriors were Genia Griffin of Morton, 10; Brandi Harber of Union, 9; J.J. Moorehead of Union, Wilma Cooksey of Lake, and Melody Reed of Forest, each with 6 points; and Cynthia Ellis of Newton County and LaDonna Robinson of Forest, each with 4 points.

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EC led 37-27 at intermission.

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GAMES THIS WEEK

In games scheduled this week, East Central hosts Hinds Community College on Thursday, January 26. The Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Pearl River Community College on Monday, January 30.

Tipoff time for all games is 6 p.m. for women's action followed by men's play at 7:45 p.m.

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East Central romps past

By Jarrod McDaniel

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Sometimes numbers just don't tell the whole story.

East Central turned the ball over 32 times — 16 turnovers in both the first and second halves — against visiting Hinds Thursday night.

Yet the Lady Warriors had little trouble in disposing of the Lady Bulldogs, 85-70.

"We set a record for turnovers tonight," East Central head coach Sammy Pace said. "We tried to run a little too much and got out of control."

The Lady Warriors did stay in control long enough to start the game on a 15-2 run, capped by Brandi Harber's three-pointer with 13:15 left in the first. East Central kept the pace, extending the lead to 25-8 and 44-25 at halftime, as Harber hit her third trey at the buzzer.

"We couldn't make a basket in the first half," Hinds head coach Lester Owens said. "They did a good job on scoring."

The Lady Warriors came out in the second half and pushed the lead to as much as 25 points, as Christy Madison nailed a three-pointer with 8:30 to go, making the score 68-43.

However, Hinds responded with an 11-1 surge after Madison's trey and managed to pull within 15, 69-54, on Mildred Champion's two free throws with 5:35 left in the game.

"The (girls) got such a lead, that they felt they could relax," Pace said. "But you can't relax."

The Lady Warriors picked the pace back up and kept the 15-point margin to the final, getting the 85-70 win.

ECCC improved to 15-4 overall and 7-2 in the JUCO

South Division, with a key road trip to Pearl River on Thursday.

East Central had five players in double figures, with Monica Davis coming off the bench to lead the Lady Warriors with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Melody Reed had 12 points and nine rebounds, Genia Griffin had 12 points and four assists, Harber had 12 points with six rebounds and five assists while J.J. Moorhead also added 12 points for East Central.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 6-13 overall and 3-5 in the division, with a road trip to Coahoma on Saturday.

Hinds was paced by Ethel Bradley's 17 points, while Tarsha Bowie had 15 points and nine rebounds and Monique Davis chipped in 12 points and seven rebounds.

■ **East Central (men) 92, Hinds 71:** The Warriors got their second division win in a row as they blasted the Bulldogs.

East Central (9-12 2-7) broke a 12-12 tie early in the game with a 31-17 run to close out the first half, as Philip Prince hit his third three-pointerto push the Warrior lead to 43-29 at half-time.

Hinds (4-14, 1-8) trailed by as many as 32 points when East Central's Bobby Viverette hit a short jumper with 3:30 left in the game, making the score 86-54.

The Warriors cruised the rest of the way.

Vincent Spencer led East Central with 18 points while Prince had 16 points, including four three-pointers that gives the sophomore guard 56 treys for the season.

Darvis Rasberry added 14 points and Johnny Mays 12 for the Warriors.

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East Central's Brandi Harber looks to make a pass after driving against a pair of Hinds defenders Thursday night

Lady Warriors Win Squeaker at Jones

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Prince tallies 33 points, but

By **Jarrod McDaniel**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — In the second half of Tuesday night's game against Gulf Coast, East Central scored 47 points, hit 16 of 24 from the free throw line and got five three-pointers, from leading scorer Philip Prince.

Yet the Warriors, trailing by 10 at halftime, weren't able to complete the comeback, falling 82-77 to drop to 7-11 overall and 0-6 in the South Division.

"It's the story of our season," Warrior coach Marty Cooper said. "It makes each game an uphill struggle."

East Central indeed fought an uphill battle for most of the first half, as the Warriors committed 15 first-half turnovers and allowed the Bulldogs to run out to a 10-point halftime lead.

However, ECCC came out with a 13-9 run to open the second half, which was capped by back-to-back treys by Prince, and cut the lead to 49-43 with 13:10 to go.

But Gulf Coast was able to answer every Warrior run, staying just far enough ahead to keep East Central at bay.

"We lost the second half," Gulf Coast head coach Bob Weathers said. "East Central

always plays hard, Coach Cooper has them well organized.

"From our standpoint, if we had made our free throws the game would have been over at the half."

The Bulldogs improved to 9-8 overall and 3-3 in the South.

East Central was able to pull within striking distance on at least five more occasions during the second half, but every time the Warriors would get close, the Bulldogs' Ira Newbill would take over.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward was held to three points in the first half, but exploded in the second half, scoring 18 points

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Warriors fall to Gulf Coast

while also stepping up his defense with five blocked shots.

"Ira's second half was more like how he's been playing all year," Weathers said.

On one occasion, Newbill rejected three Warrior shots in a row, and got the rebound to snuff an ECCC run.

"I had to get my head into the game in the second half," Newbill said. "I had to step up in order to help the team."

The Warriors managed to pull within three, 80-77 on a trey by Darvis Rasberry with eight seconds remaining.

But Gulf Coast's Brad Bunch was fouled and hit both free

throws with six seconds left.

"We have to do it the whole game," Cooper said. "We've lost three games by three points each and this one by five."

Newbill led Gulf Coast with 21 points, 10 rebounds, six blocked shots and a steal. Ricky Evans added 15 points.

ECCC was led by Prince's game-high 33 points, which included six three-pointers.

ECCC plays at Southwest Thursday.

■ **East Central (women) 82, Gulf Coast 60:** The Lady Warriors had little trouble with the Lady Bulldogs, turning a 37-27 halftime advantage into a 22-

point blowout.

ECCC jumped ahead 8-0 and proceeded to pull out to 27-11 advantage with 7:44 left in the first half.

Gulf Coast then followed with a 16-10 run to get within 10 at halftime. But a 45-33 second-half scoring advantage by ECCC dashed any hopes for a Lady Bulldog rally.

LaDonna Robinson led the Lady Warriors with 18 points while Brandi Harber had 14, Monica Davis 10 and Melody Reed nine. Reed also had a game-high 12 rebounds.

Gulf Coast was led by Quisha Herbert's 15 points.

ECCC downs Southwest

The East Central Community College women's basketball team improved to 14-3 on the season Thursday evening with a 75-61 win over Southwest Community College.

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ECCC wins tourney title

Sophomore Phillip Prince of Philadelphia pumped in 23 points and led East Central Community College to a nail-biting 74-72 win over Itawamba Saturday night to complete a sweep of tournament competition in the annual ECCC Invitational.

The victory lifted East Central to a 7-8 overall mark.

Prince was also top point maker against Mississippi Delta Friday night as the Leake Academy product scored 19

points, including two free throws in the closing seconds in the Warriors' 83-80 squeaker.

Other top scorers in the Itawamba contest were Vincent Spencer, 13, and Johnny Mays, 12.

In the win over Delta, other East Central top scorers included McNichols, 16; Mays 13, and Spencer 12.

The nationally ranked Lady Warriors lost a heart-breaking 68-66 decision to Itawamba Saturday night, despite a 24-

point performance by sophomore Monica Davis of Banks, Ark.

East Central began tournament action on a successful note, blasting Mississippi Delta 102-61 Friday night.

Besides Davis, the other Lady Warriors leading scorer against Itawamba was Genia Griffin.

Against Delta, top EC point makers were Kim Gentry, 19; Davis, 13; Robinson, 12; and Bounds, 10.

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EC women stumble on Itawamba

Warriors take pair of wins from Delta and Itawamba to improve mark to 7-8.

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors, ranked No. 11 nationally, went 1-1 in their own tournament last week, dropping a two-point decision to Itawamba Saturday night.

The Lady Warriors entered this week with an 11-2 record.

The Warriors were 2-0 in their tournament and improved to 7-8.

ECCC WOMEN 102, MISS. DELTA 61: All 14 Lady Warriors scored in Friday's whipping of the Lady Trojans.

Kim Gentry led 11-1 EC with a game-high 19 points. Monica Davis scored 13, LaDonna Robinson 12, Chasity Bounds 10, Sara Hollingsworth and Melody Reed both had eight, Christy Madison and Genia Griffin both had seven, while J.J. Moorhead, Brandi Harber, and Cyntia Ellis each had four.

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Copiah-Lincoln	3-0	10-3
East Central	3-1	11-2
Pearl River	3-1	12-2
Jones	2-1	11-4
Hinds	1-3	4-10
Gulf Coast	0-3	5-10
Southwest	0-3	3-10

Juco South men

(Through Jan. 8)

Jones	3-0	14-1
Copiah-Lincoln	3-0	9-6
Gulf Coast	2-1	8-6
Pearl River	2-2	10-5
Southwest	1-2	6-8
Hinds	1-3	3-11
East Central	0-4	7-8

Miss. Delta 34 27 — 61

ECCC 48 54 — 102

ECCC MEN 83, MISS. DELTA 80:

Tied at 57-57, the Warriors went on a 15-3 run to take a 72-60 lead before Delta rallied to within 81-80 and missed a shot to take the lead. Philip Prince added two free throws with no time on the clock to pad the lead.

A 51-44 Warrior advantage over the final 20 minutes proved to be the difference.

Prince led 6-8 EC with a game-

high 19 points. O.J. McNichols had 16, Johnny Mays 13, Vincent Spencer 12, Chris Hillie eight, Darvis Rasberry seven, and Bobby Viverette four.

Mike Davis led Delta with 17.

Miss. Delta 36 44 — 80

ECCC 32 51 — 83

ITAWAMBA WOMEN 68, ECCC 66:

The Lady Indians upset the No. 11 Lady Warriors by two points Saturday night.

Monica Davis led 11-2 EC with a game-high 24 points. Genia Griffin had 19, Melody Reed and Cyntia Ellis both scored five, LaDonna Robinson and Chasity Bounds both had four, and Sara Hollingsworth had three.

Amanda Trimble and Gina Brown both had 16 for Itawamba.

ECCC MEN 74, ITAWAMBA 72: The Warriors outscored the Indians 39-33 during the second half to take Saturday's win and improve to 7-8.

Philip Prince led the Warriors with 23 points. Vincent Spencer scored 13, Johnny Mays 12, Darvis Rasberry eight, O.J. McNichols, Jamie Suttles, and Chris Hillie each had five, and Alphonzo Norman added three.

Itawamba 39 33 — 72

ECCC 35 39 — 74

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Prince leads Warriors to tournament victories

Sophomore Phillip Prince of Philadelphia pumped in 23 points and led East Central Community College to a nail-biting 74-72 win over Itawamba Saturday night to complete a sweep of tournament competition in the annual ECCC Invitational. The victory lifted EC to a 7-8 overall mark. Prince was also top pointmaker against MS Delta on Friday night as the Leake Academy product scored 19 points - including two free throws in the closing seconds - in the Warriors 83-80 squeaker.

Other scorers in the Itawamba contest were Vincent Spence, 13; Johnny Mays, 12; Darvis Rasberry, eight; Jamie Suttles, O.J. McNichols and Chris Hillie, five each; and Alphonzo Norman, three.

In the win over Delta, EC scorers included McNichols, 16; Mays, 13; Spencer, 12; Hillie, eight; Rasberry, seven; Bobby Viverette, four; Eric Caples and Suttles, two each.

WOMEN'S ACTION: The nationally ranked Lady Warriors lost a heart-breaking 68-66 decision to Ita-

wamba Saturday night, despite a 24-point performance by sophomore

Monica Davis of Banks, AR. The loss dropped EC to 11-2 overall. EC began tournament action on a successful note, blasting MS Delta 102-61 Friday night.

Besides Davis, other scorers against Itawamba were Genia Griffin, 19; Melody Reed and Cynthia Ellis, five each; Chasity Bounds and LaDonna Robinson, four each; Sara Hollingsworth, three; and Dane Vance, two.

Against Delta, EC pointmakers were Kim Gentry, 19; Davis, 13; Robinson, 12; Bounds, 10; Reed and Hollingsworth, eight each; Griffin and Christy Madison, seven each; J.J. Moorehead, Brandi Harber and Ellis, four each; Vance, Jennifer Alexander and Wilma Cooksey, two each.

East Central traveled to Holmes Community College on Tuesday, January 10, and Jones Junior College on Thursday, January 12. Both teams will host Gulf Coast Community College on Tuesday, January 17.

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East Central anxious about tournament

By Gary Myers

The Meridian Star

Anxious best describes the feelings of East Central Community College basketball coaches Sammy Pace and Marty Cooper.

Both teams haven't played in over three weeks, and the coaches are looking forward to seeing what the second half of the season has to offer.

They will get that chance Monday and Tuesday as ECCC hosts its post-holiday invitational.

"We hope this tournament will help us get the Christmas break out of our system and help us tune-up for the tough South Division games ahead," said Pace, the ECCC women's coach.

The action kicks off Monday with the Jones County Junior College women taking on Mississippi Delta at

2 p.m., followed by the schools' men's teams at 4. East Central plays Bishop State, with the women tipping off at 6 and the men at 8.

The classic format — which does not determine a champion — has Jones and Bishop playing at 2 and 4 on Tuesday, while ECCC and Miss. Delta meet at 6 and 8.

The Lady Warriors — who are 4-1 in the South Division — enter the tournament with an 8-3 overall record and Pace says his team is in good shape to contend for the division title. "The race is really up for grabs," he said.

Perhaps the most highly touted team coming into the tourney is the Jones men.

The Bobcats were ranked in the NJCAA's preseason Top 10, but despite a solid 10-3 mark have since fallen out of the poll.

JCJC — just 1-2 in league

play — suffered a triple-overtime loss to Southwest Community College in its last game before the Christmas break, and a good showing Monday and Tuesday could be the boost the Bobcats need as they prepare for tough division games down the stretch.

Among coach Fletcher Cockrell's biggest guns are two sophomores who received national attention in the pre-season, forward Lewis Richardson and guard Antoine Hubbard.

Dewayne Brown, a 6-foot-8 freshman, is rated the top junior college player in America by some publications.

The East Central Warriors — who sport 12 freshmen — come in at 4-7 overall and 2-2 in the division and have showed their youth at times early in the season.

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Warriors

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"We need consistent play and better defense," Cooper said. "We also need to take better care of the ball. We have done that a couple of times but not consistently all year and that is something that we have to work on as a team."

Cooper looks at the Dec. 4 game against a good Hinds as a "high water mark" for his team. The Warriors used strong defense and good ball handling — something they had been lacking — to cruise to a 74-56 victory.

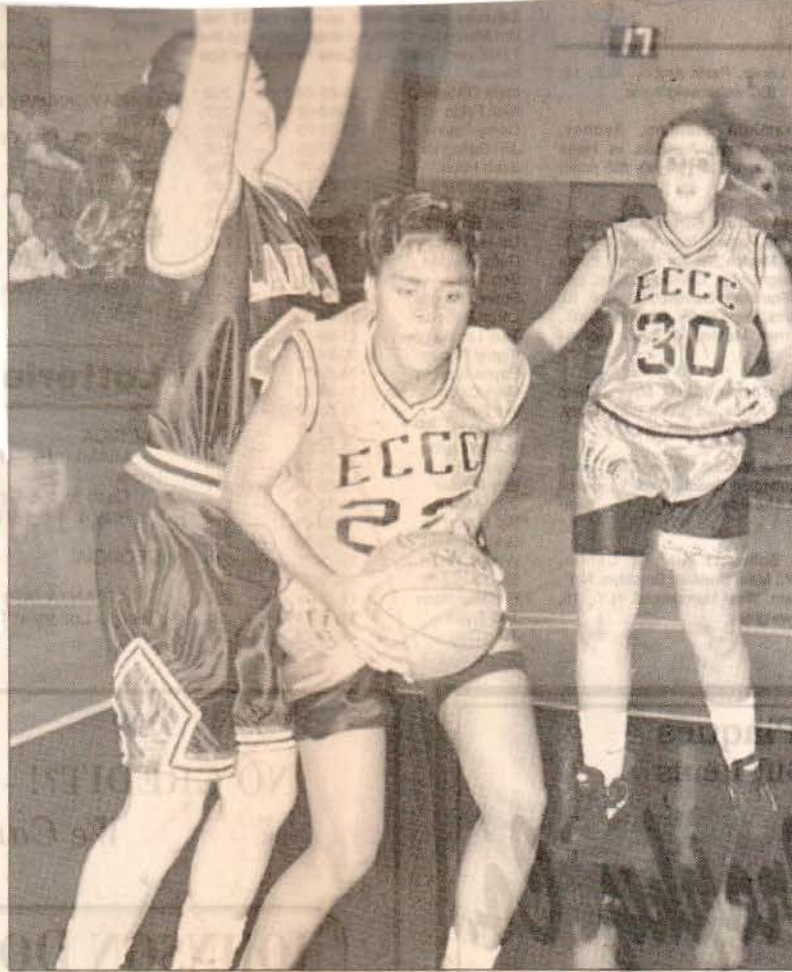
The Warriors are led by 6-foot-6 Maurice Bowie and 6-foot-5 Robert Earl Shephard, both freshmen from Morton. Bowie hits for 16 points a game, while Shephard averages 10.

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Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star
East Central hopes for more strong play from Melody Reed.

ECCC splits with Co-Lin

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors fell to 14-4 on the season after suffering a 67-65 loss to Copiah-Lincoln Monday.

The ECCC men's team improved to 8-12 by picking up a win over Co-Lin, 72-64.

Lady Warrior Wilma Cooksey, who played at Lake High School, scored a team-high 14 points. Dane Vance finished with 13 points and Monica Davis added 10.

The East Central men were led by Phillip Prince's 30 points.

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ECCC Teams Begin '96 Action

A five-game home stand awaits East Central Community College's basketball squads which begin 1996 competition by hosting an invitational tournament on Monday and Tuesday, January 8-9, in the Brackeen/Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Tourney action gets underway at 2 p.m. featuring Jones County and Mississippi Delta women followed by the Bobcat-Trojan matchup at 4 p.m. ECCC's Lady Warriors take on the Bishop State Women at 6 p.m. with men's action scheduled at 8 p.m.

Games Tuesday includes Jones County and Bishop State women at 2 p.m., Jones County and Bishop State men at 4 p.m., Mississippi Delta and ECCC women

at 6 p.m. and ECCC and Delta men at 8 p.m.

The Lady Warriors sport an 8-3 overall mark and 3-1 South Division record prior to the annual post-holiday tournament while the Warriors are 4-7 and 2-2.

East Central resumes season play by hosting Delgado of New Orleans on Saturday, January 13, Holmes on Tuesday, January 16, and Jones County on Thursday, January 18. In other games scheduled throughout the month, ECCC travels to Gulf Coast on Monday, January 22, entertains Southwest on Thursday, January 25, and travels to Copiah-Lincoln on Monday, January 29.

Game times are 6 p.m. for women's action followed by men's play at 7:45 p.m.

ECCC Invitational Tournament

Brackeen/Wood Physical Education Building
January 8-9

Games - Monday, January 8:
Jones vs. Delta (women), 2:00;
Jones vs. Delta (men), 4:00;
Bishop State vs. ECCC (women),
6:00; Bishop State vs. ECCC
(men), 8:00.

Games - Tuesday, January 9:
Jones vs. Bishop State (women),
2:00; Jones vs. Bishop State
(men), 4:00; Delta vs. ECCC (wo-
men), 6:00; Delta vs. ECCC
(men), 8:00.

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ECCC Basketball Tournament

January 6-7

GAMES - JANUARY 6

Jones (Women) vs. Itawamba.....	2:00
Jones (Men) vs. Itawamba.....	4:00
ECCC (Women) vs. Delta.....	6:00
ECCC (Men) vs. Delta.....	8:00

GAMES - JANUARY 7

Jones (Women) vs. Delta.....	2:00
Jones (Men) vs. Delta.....	4:00
ECCC (Women) vs. Itawamba.....	6:00
ECCC (Men) vs. Itawamba.....	8:00

Note: East Central Women are 10-1 Overall and 3-1 in South Division Action. The ECCC men are 5-8 and 0-4.

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Smattering of classic tournaments highlights

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Junior college basketball returns today from a holiday break with Pearl River's Lady Wildcats in a Tyler, Texas, tournament.

Most of this week's other play centers on Friday-Saturday tourneys at East Central, Holmes and Mississippi Gulf Coast. North and South Division battles renew next week.

The division tournaments are in mid-February — North at East Mississippi in Scooba, South at East Central in Decatur, followed by state and Region 23 playoffs.

Eye on Decatur: This week's tourneys follow classic formats. East Central and

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Holmes will flip-flop men and women teams from two South Division schools against two North Divisions. Gulf Coast's men-only event has the host Bulldogs and Pearl River swapping off with Meridian and Delgado (La.).

Decatur has the most attractive tournament with two of the nation's best — the 10-1 East Central women and 12-1 Jones County men.

East Central's Lady Warriors, after losing all the starters from last season's regional champions, have bounced back with freshmen Melody Reed and Jennifer Alex-

ander teaming with carryover sophomores Monica Davis, Brandi Harber and J.J. Morehead. The only loss was to Co-Lin.

Warriors struggling: East Central's men show a five-game losing streak, including three losses by 3 points each plus a late collapse in an 83-69 loss to Pearl River.

Coach Marty Cooper said his most consistent player is 6-foot-1 freshman point guard Philip Prince from Philadelphia via Leake Academy. He is averaging 19 points.

Cooper started a different lineup most every game, seeking a winning combination from an inexperienced group. His sophomore class saw limited duty on last season's state runners-up team.

Young Cats: Jones County's 12-1 Bob-

renewal of basketball season

cats, rated by Cooper as "the class of Mississippi," are loaded with gifted newcomers. Nine of the top 10 are freshmen.

Fletcher Cockrell, now in his fourth season at JCJC since serving as a Texas A&M assistant, is worried about "getting that chemistry going again after the holiday break."

While Cockrell insists defense and rebounding win games, his 95 points-a-game offense no doubt helps. The combination of 5-10 guard Antoine Hubbard of Allentown, Pa., at 22.1 points, 6-8 forward Louis Richardson of Louisville, Ky., at 21.2 and 6-foot guard Marcus Price of Ellisville at 20.0 is particularly deadly.

"But Price had his tonsils taken out over

the holidays and Hubbard came back with a stone bruise on his left heel," Cockrell said, "so I don't know how well they'll do."

Scoring battle: Chase for the state women's scoring lead is a two-way affair with Pearl River's Elaine Powell at 34.5 points a game and Coahoma's Tanya Norment close at 32.6. It's a big drop to Itawamba's Neisha Dobbs, third at 25.5.

East Mississippi's Latoya Weaver is the top rebounder at 16.8 with Dobbs next at 13.4.

Northeast Mississippi has the hottest scoring with a 93.0 average followed by Pearl River at 89.9 and Northwest Mississippi 86.9. East Central has the toughest defense allowing 59.5 a game.

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Three junior college basketball tournaments begin in the state today.

The East Central tournament schedule includes: Jones women vs. Itawamba, 2 p.m.; Jones men vs. Itawamba, 4 p.m.; East Central women vs. Delta, 6 p.m.; and East Central men vs. Delta, 8 p.m.

The Holmes tournament schedule includes: Northwest women vs. Co-Lin, 1 p.m.; Northwest men vs. Co-Lin, 2:45 p.m.; Holmes women vs. Southwest, 4:30 p.m.; and Holmes men vs. Southwest, 6:15 p.m.

The Gulf Coast Men's Classic schedule includes: Gulf Coast vs. Meridian, 6 p.m., and Pearl River vs. Delgado, 8 p.m.

All three tournaments conclude Saturday.

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Local 10 lend their talents to EC's success on the court

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

Ten local athletes are members of the basketball teams at East Central Community College.

The Lady Warriors are off to a 10-1 start and are ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA poll.

"I was fairly well pleased with the first half, but I wasn't ecstatic," Lady Warriors coach Sammy Pace said. "I was pleased with the game at Hinds and here with Pearl River, but I was disappointed with the Co-Lin game."

"Our strength is we get up and down the floor and the other folks will get tired."

The Warriors are 5-8 with five losses coming by five points or less. Marty Cooper's men were 23-5 a year ago.

Pace's Lady Warriors were 28-7 last season and finished seventh in the NJCAA national tournament at Tyler, Texas.

Monica Davis of Banks, Ark., leads the Lady Warriors in scoring with a 16.5 average. She has scored in double figures in nine of EC's 11 games and has scored at least 20 points on three occasions. Her top showing was a 28-point effort against Southwest.

"She's a very good shooter," Pace said. "She's kind of a streak player. She's a little lazy and we have to take her out and rest her, but she can be counted on down the stretch. When you need a basket or a rebound, she'll usually rise up and give it to you."

Davis, who never played on a winning team at Hermitage High School, has already signed with Arkansas-Monticello.

■ Brandi Harber of Union averages 9.5 points. The sophomore reverse transfer from Livingston University racked up 32 points in a 75-66 win over Pearl River to close out first-semester action. She also had 15 points against Copiah-Lincoln in EC's only loss.

"I think her confidence level is building every time we play," Pace said. "I expect even more from her second semester. She's real competitive."

■ J.J. Moorehead, also of Union, averages 6.8 points. Her season high was 15 against East Mississippi in a 79-67 win. She scored 12 on two other occasions.

"Probably inch for inch, she's the toughest one out there," Pace said of the 5-foot-5 sophomore.

■ Dane Vance of Philadelphia averages 3.1 points. Her big night was a nine-point effort against East



Monica Davis (left) of Banks, Ark., signs a letter-of-intent with Arkansas-Monticello as Lady Warriors coach Sammy Pace looks on. Davis is averaging 16.5 points for the 10-1 Lady Warriors. EC is 38-8 during her two years.

"Dane at times plays the best mental game of anyone out there," Pace said. "She's a lot better player than what she's willing to believe."

■ Jennifer Alexander, who played on Leake Academy's 37-1 overall state championship team last year, adds 2.7 ppg. She had 10 points against East Mississippi in the 79-67 win. She's started every game except one, Pace said.

"She made a big adjustment first semester," he added. "She made the realization that there are some things she has to do at the college level that she didn't have to do in high school. Her defense has really improved."

■ Sara Hollingsworth of Neshoba Central is averaging 1.3 points. Known more for her defense, in her top outing Hollingsworth scored six points in an 83-58 victory at Hinds. The redshirt sophomore missed nearly all of last season because of a major knee injury.

"She's back playing hard," Pace said. "She isn't intimidated like she was her freshman year. She has a much more mature attitude about the game. She shows leadership and has solidified the point guard position."

"She had to overcome a lot just to be back out there."

■ Christy Madison of Neshoba Central averages 2.8 points. She had a team-high 10 points in a 96-61 win

"Christy is a very good shooter and a tireless worker," Pace said. "She's also a very good student."

"As she matures, she will grow as a player and get better. You don't get all you get from a player on the court. She has such a good attitude about being part of the team and has excellent work habits."

■ Kim Gentry of Leake Academy averages 1.9 points. Her top performance was an eight-point outing against Wallace-Selma in an 83-64 conquest.

"I really saw her come along at the end of the semester," Pace said of Leake's No. 2 all-time scoring leader. "She doesn't seem to be as nervous as some freshmen are."

"She's really started to adapt to the college game. She's altered her shot to adjust to the increased size she faces in college."

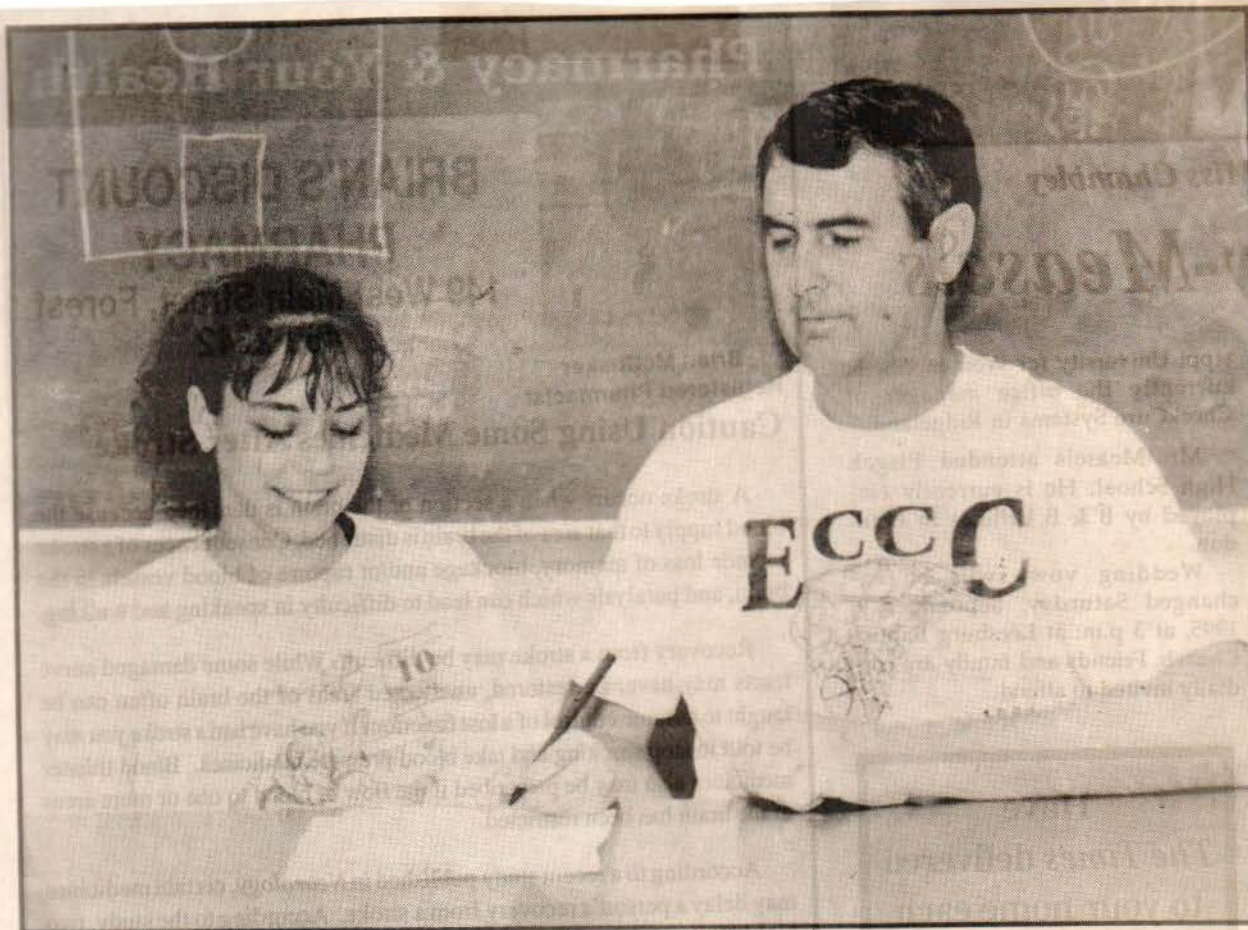
"She's a real plus because of her attitude."

ECCC Men

■ Philip Prince of Leake Academy leads the Warriors with a 19.2 scoring average.

Known as the 'Prince of 3s' during his career at Leake, he has made 30 3-pointers in the Warriors 13 games.

Prince has scored in double figures in 12 games. His season-high is 32 points in a 107-103 loss to Mary Holmes. He also had 31 in a 102-91 win over Mary Holmes. Prince has



Signs letter of intent

Former East Central Community College women's basketball player Genia Griffin of Morton has signed a letter of intent to attend William Carey College. Griffin, shown with Lady Warrior coach Sammy Pace, helped lead East Central to the MACJC South Division Tournament title this past season and the Region 23 Championship during the 1993-94 campaign. The ECCC women also won the Consolation Championship of the NJCAA Tournament the same year. East Central compiled an overall 50-14 record during the two years Griffin was a member of the Lady Warrior squad.

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ECCC Lady Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team for the 1995-96 campaign, include, from left, front, Mona Owens, Warren (Ark.) High School; Felicia Brantley, Neshoba Central; Melody Reed, Forest, Angie Lyles, Morton; Jennifer Musgrove, Leake Academy; Christy Madison, Neshoba Central; middle, Jennifer Alexander, Leake Academy; Pachasia Thompson, Philadelphia;

Tara Hall, Leake Academy; Sherrell Gullory, Eunice (La.) High School; Stephanie Houston, Carthage; Kristy Hardee Hathaway (La.) High School; back, student assistant Bra Gressett, Lake; manager Toni Thrash, Union; Kim Gentry, Leake Academy; Olivia McDaniel, Neshoba Central; and manager Robin Burkes, Clarkdale.

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ECCC Warriors

Members of the 1995-96 East Central Community College men's basketball team and their respective high schools include, from left, front, manager Ja Nance, Nanih Waiya; Jacob Carr, Marengo, Ala.; O.J. McNichols, Union; Bobby Viverette, South Leake; Darvis Rasberry, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Jason Latham, Morton; manager Alphonzo Norman, New-

ton; back, Marty Cooper, head coach; Shaun Grant, Choctaw Central; Mark Nance, Neshoba Central; Gary Butler, Sebastopol; Maurice Bowie, Morton; Freddie Jowers, Marengo, Ala.; Robert Earl Shephard, Morton; Jason Smith, Union; Darrick Massey, Forest; Christ Luckett, Carthage; and Jennifer Cooper, assistant coach.

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ECCC basketball season begins at Delta Nov. 3rd

Fans of East Central Community College basketball have only a few days remaining until the start of the 1995-96 campaign which gets underway Friday, November 3 at Mississippi Delta in Moorhead.

For both ECCC head coaches, the season could not begin soon enough.

"We've had a great pre-season practice and I am really looking forward to working with this group," said Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace who enters his eleventh season on the Decatur campus.

Even though the Lady Warriors are young and somewhat inexperienced, Pace said they are "adjusting well" to the game and have demonstrated "good leadership" and a "good attitude."

Men's coach Marty Cooper also has a lot of new faces on this year's squad. Cooper said his team's success will mostly depend "on how well we blend together" as a unit. Cooper, now in his fifth year, has also been pleased with player attitudes and the leadership exhibited during pre-season workouts. The Warriors officially began fall practice at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 1 during "Midnight Madness" activities held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Leading the Lady Warriors this season are sophomores Melody Reed of Forest, Jennifer Alexander and Kim Gentry, both of Leake Academy, Christy Madison of Neshoba Central and Kristy Hardee of Hathaway High School in Jennings, Louisiana. Reed was a second team All-State selection and helped

East Central to the MACJC South Division Tournament title and a 22-7 overall record.

Freshmen include Angie Lyles of Morton, Jennifer Musgrove and Tara Hall, both of Leake Academy; Felicia Brantley and Olivia McDaniel, both of Neshoba Central; Pachasia Thompson of Philadelphia, Stephanie Houston of Carthage, Mona Owens of Warren (Ark.) High School and Sherrell Gullory of Eunice (La.) High School.

Brad Gressett of Lake serves as student assistant. Managers are Robin Burks of Clarkdale and Toni Thrash of Union.

The Warriors are led by returnees O.J. McNichols of Union, Bobby Viverette of South Leake and Darvis Rasberry of Pine Bluff (Ark.) High School. McNichols and Rasberry will also serve as team captains.

Freshmen include Maurice Bowie, Jason Latham and Robert Earl Shephard, all of Morton; Gary Butler of Sebastopol, Shaun Grant of Choctaw Central, Maurice Jones and Darrick Massey, both of Forest; Chris Luckett of Carthage, Mark Nance of Neshoba Central, Jason Smith of Union, and Jacob Carr and Freddie Jowers, both of Marengo (Ala.) High School.

Jennifer Cooper serves as assistant coach. Managers are Ja Nance of Nanih Waiya, Alan Ware of Union and Alphonzo Norman of Newton.

Chad Barker of Rush Sports Medicine in Meridian serves as trainer for both squads.

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READY FOR HOME OPENER - Working hard in preparation for the 1995-96 season are members of the East Central Community College men's basketball team shown during a recent practice session. The Warriors, led by sixth-year head coach Marty Cooper, began workouts by holding "Midnight Madness" activities at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 1 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The ECCC men and women begin home action by hosting East Mississippi on Monday, November 13. Tipoff time is 6 p.m. for women's play followed by the men's contest at 7:45 p.m. (EC Photo)

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ECCC '95-'96 Basketball Schedule

Date	Place	Opponent
November 3	There	Mississippi Delta
November 6	vs.	Coahoma (at Jones Tourn.)
November 7	vs.	Southern-Shreveport, LA (at Jones Tourn.)
November 13	HOME	East Mississippi
November 15	vs.	Wallace St. AL (at East MS Tourn.)
November 16	vs.	Mary Holmes (at East MS Tourn.)
November 21	There	East Mississippi
November 28*	There	Southwest
November 30*	HOME	Co-Lin
December 4*	HOME	Hinds
December 7*	There	Pearl River
December 15	There	Delgado (New Orleans, LA)
January 8	HOME	Bishop St. (Mobile, AL) (ECCC Tourn.)
January 9	HOME	MS Delta (ECCC Tourn.) and Jones
January 13	HOME	Delgado (New Orleans, LA)
January 16	HOME	Holmes
January 18*	HOME	Jones
January 22*	There	Gulf Coast
January 25*	HOME	Southwest
January 29*	There	Co-Lin
February 1*	There	Hinds
February 5*	HOME	Pearl River
February 8	There	Holmes
February 12*	There	Jones
February 15*	HOME	Gulf Coast
February 19-22	There	South State Tournament
February 26-27	There	State Tournament
March 4-7	There	Region 23 Tourn. (MS College)
*South Division Games. Home Games: Women 6:00 p.m.; Men. 7:45 p.m.		

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Wolves score 60 in second

By **Robbie Robertson**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Basketball coaches have said for years that to win games, it takes two halves.

Never was that more true than at East Central Community College Thursday night when Copiah-Lincoln Community College scored 60 second half points to take an 86-65 victory over the Warriors.

East Central fell to 3-5 on the year and 1-1 in South Division play while Co-Lin improved to 5-4 and 1-0.

The Wolves doubled the Warriors efforts on the boards by outrebounding East Central 40-20. Co-Lin committed 16 turnovers, 11 in the first half. East Central committed 14 turnovers, nine in the second half. Co-Lin also blocked five shots.

With Co-Lin leading 7-4, East Central went on a 17-2 run that was capped by a Maurice Jones bucket at

the 10:02 mark.

"We came out and played good defense in the first half," ECCC head coach Marty Cooper said. "We knew they had a good shooting team but we let up a little in the second half."

The Wolves started to fight back and pulled within five at 31-26 as they ended the half on a 7-2 spurt.

The Wolves started the second half on a 9-1 run that was capped by a Darron Heckard slam at the 17:43 mark to put Co-Lin up 35-32.

ECCC went ahead 43-42 on a Maurice Bowie dunk at the 13:07 mark. That was the last lead East Central would see as Co-Lin embarked on a 13-2 run that saw the Wolves get red hot from the floor and take a 55-45 lead.

The Wolves kept on pulling out front and ran way with the game by outscoring East Central 13-1 to take an 80-55 lead with 1:35 left to play and held on for the win.

"I was disappointed in the way we played in the first half and told our kids that we were only down by five and it could have been 25," Co-Lin head coach Paul Johnson said. "The difference in the two halves was we started to hit the shots in the second half."

Co-Lin's Darron Heckard led all scorers with 25 points. Robert Earl Shephard led East Central with 13 points.

Co-Lin (86) — Antonio Bryant 8, Donald Fleming 15, Darron Heckard 25, Josh Honeycutt 4, Timothy Hooker 19, Dewayne Middleton 2, Benji Sisco 2, Edward Smith 4, James Thrasher 6, Charles Ward.

East Central (65) — Maurice Bowie 12, Gary Butler 1, Jacob Carr 3, Maurice Jones 2, Freddie Jowers 4, O.J. Nichols 4, Mark Nance 10, Darvis Rasberry 2, Robert Earl Shephard 13, Bobby Viverette 12.

CLCC	26	60	—	86
ECCC	31	34	—	65

■ **Co-Lin women 53, East Central 48:** Co-Lin used a strong second half on

half to down ECCC

the boards to hold off East Central in a defensive struggle and take a five-point win.

Co-Lin moved to 7-2 on the year with the win while East Central fell to 5-3.

The Lady Wolves outrebounded the Lady Warriors 42-38. Co-Lin grabbed 24 of those in the second half. East Central committed 16 turnovers while Co-Lin had 14.

The Lady Warriors were 8-of-18 from the free throw line while Co-Lin made only 11-of-25 free throws.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "We didn't hit at the free throw line and shot 32 percent from the field. You don't beat a lot of people like that."

East Central was paced by Melody Reed who pumped in 15 points while Co-Lin got 14 from Demetries Cain and 12 from Marianna Reeves.

The game was tight for most of the first half until Co-Lin went on an 8-1

spurt capped by Dayna Kohn's bucket at the 4:16 mark that gave the Lady Wolves a 30-24 lead. The Lady Wolves took a 32-28 lead into the half.

East Central tied the game at 36-36 in the second half on an Olivia McDaniel 10-footer with 12:17 mark.

The Lady Wolves responded by going on a 14-3 run in which the Lady Warriors went more than 10 minutes with only one basket, a Jennifer Alexander three-pointer, to take a 50-39 lead.

East Central actually battled back to within four but go no closer as the Lady Wolves held on for the win.

Co-Lin (53) — Nikki Gray 8, Donna Reed 4, Kasandra Woods 7, Rhonda Lewis 2, Marianna Reeves 12, Demetries Cain 14, Dayna Kohn 6.

East Central (48) — Jennifer Alexander 5, Mona Owens 6, Melody Reed 15, Pachisia Thompson 5, Olivia McDaniel 6, Kim Gentry 9.

CLCC	32	21	—	53
ECCC	28	20	—	48

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ECCC tournament champs

Winning top honors in the women's intramural three-on-three basketball competition at East Central community College in Decatur were members of a team called "Chahta Girls" who include (from left) Felicia Oliver of Sebastopol, Crystal Isaac of Philadelphia, Coach Ryan York of Walnut Grove, and Carletta Denson and Davita Morris, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Katrina Johnson of Conehatta. (EC photo)

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WIN ECCC INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TITLE - Winning first place in the three-on-three intramural basketball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur were the above members of a team called "Dangerous Crew." From left are DeMarkis Hill and Willie Ware, both of Newton; MaCreszz Beamon of Lawrence; and Toma York of Walnut Grove. (EC Photo)

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ECCEC women move into first-place tie

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College basketball teams swept Hinds at home before splitting a doubleheader at Pearl River in last week's basketball action.

With the two South Division wins, the Lady Warriors improved to 3-1 in league play and 7-3 overall. The Lady Warriors are tied with Copiah-Lincoln for first place in the division.



The Warriors split two games as their record went to 2-2 in the division and 4-6 overall. The Warriors are tied for third in league play.

EC women 83, Hinds 82 Mona Owens scored a putback off her own miss with two seconds remaining to give the Lady Warriors the Dec. 4 league win at Decatur.

Owens finished with a game-high 24 points, while Melody Reed added 23. Angie Lyles had 11, Kim Gentry six, Jennifer Alexander five, Tara Hall and Olivia McDaniel both had four, while Pachasia Thompson and Stephanie Houston both scored three.

After trailing 44-42 at halftime, EC built a 55-50 lead with 16 minutes remaining only to have Hinds take a 61-56 advantage with 11:37 to go. The Lady Warriors then claimed a 71-65 lead with 4:17 showing and had a 77-72 edge with 2:05 left before Hinds went up 82-81 on a basket by Kristina Holden with just 12 seconds remaining.

EC improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the South Division. Hinds fell to 6-5 overall.

Helen Johnson led Hinds with 18 points.

• **EC men 76, Hinds 54:** The Warriors broke open a tight game by outscoring Hinds 49-29 in the second half.

EC improved to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in the South Division.

Maurice Bowie led EC with 18 points, while Darvis Rasberry added 17, O.J. McNichols had 14, Robert Earl Shephard eight, Chris Luckett six, Bobby Viverette five, while Mark Nance and Maurice Jones both had four.

Joseph McKenney led Hinds with 18, while Keenon Sanders added 16.

• **EC women 76, Pearl River 75:** The Lady Warriors outscored Pearl River 43-33 in the first half and held on to take a rare win at Poplarville Thursday night.

EC improved to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the South Division, while Pearl River fell to 2-12.

Owens again led EC with 13 points, while Tara Hall had 12, Stephanie Houston and Melody Reed both had 11, Olivia McDaniel and Felicia Brantley both had eight, Kim Gentry six, and Christy Madison scored five.

• **Pearl River men 87, EC 69:** The Warriors trailed by only five (38-33) at halftime, but the Wildcats quickly pulled away in the second half to take Thursday's contest at Poplarville.

EC got 16 points from Robert Earl Shephard, 10 from Darvis Rasberry, eight each from Gary Butler and Jacob Carr, and seven each from Mark Nance and Maurice Bowie.

Pearl River was led by 6-foot-7, 225-pound Donnie Johnson with 25 and 6-foot-8, 290-pound freshman Chad Jones with 19.

EC fell to 4-6 overall and 2-2 in the South.

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Attend ECCC Tech Prep Meeting... These area public school officials met with East Central Community College personnel to finalize plans for a cooperative articulation agreement regarding the new Tech Prep initiative. Superintendents from Scott County and Union public schools have joined efforts with East Central to offer Tech Prep, a program designed to help students receive training needed for rewarding careers in technical, industrial, business, allied health and public service areas. The relatively new program will also be offered at Louisville Public Schools. Seated from left are Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC Dean of Instruction; Frank McCurdy, Scott County Superintendent of Education; William C. Wade, Superintendent of Union Public Schools; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President. Standing from left are Mrs. Maudean Sanders, ECCC Tech Prep Coordinator; John Adcock, ECCC Director of Vo-Tech Instruction; Marcus Savell, Director of the Newton County Vo-Tech Center; Ed Eichelberger, Director of Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center; Huey Stone, Lake High School Principal, where the Tech Prep initiative will first be offered in Scott County; and Dr. Jackie Wofford, Louisville High School Principal.

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ECCC Workforce Council

Members of the East Central Community College District Workforce Development Council recently held their first meeting on the Decatur campus. These business and professional people were selected from throughout the five-county area to provide guidance and leadership for the workforce council and direction for the college's new One-Stop Career Center, currently under construction. Seated from left are Van Bowman, director of operations, Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc., Carthage; Mrs. Carol Vickers, adult literacy instructor, ECCC; Bob Beckley, plant manager, ESCO Corporation, Newton; Lester Dalme, president, chief executive officer, Chahta Enterprises, Philadelphia; Bob Brooks, plant manager, TRW Vehicle Safety System Division, Louisville; Gary Holmes, plant manager, Carthage Machine Company, Morton. Standing, Terry Miller, vice president, Central Industries, Inc., Forest; Robert Taylor, president, Taylor Sudden Services Inc., Louisville; Monte Ladner, director of vocational-technical education, Leake County Schools, Carthage; Earl Marshall, director, One-Stop Career Center, ECCC; and Mattye Evans, teller, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Forest. Other council members include Linda Shepard, executive director, Leake County Chamber of Commerce, Carthage; Karl Brantley, plant manager, U. S. Electrical Motors, and Don Fulton, vice president/general manager, Nemanco, Inc., both of Philadelphia; Earl Bryan, vice president/plant manager, La-Z-Boy South, Newton; and Ricky Culberson, member, SCIW UBC Local 3181, Plywood Division, Georgia Pacific, Louisville. (EC Photo)

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ECCC trustees

Above are members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees who include (first row, from left) Mrs. Myrtle Burton, Newton; Mrs. Rebecca Farris, Morton; Mrs. Joyce Harrison, Forest; Mrs. Rivers Breazeale, Philadelphia; Mrs. Janie Wilbanks, Carthage; Mrs. Sandra Amis (secretary), Conehatta; (second row, from left) Cline Watkins, Lena; Prentice Copeland, Philadelphia; A.F. Hollingsworth, Lake; Vernon Crotwell, Morton; V.C. Manning (chairman), Philadelphia; (third row, from left) Glendon E. Caraway, Hickory; J.C. Williamson, Philadelphia; Charles Hand, Decatur; Randal Livingston, Louisville; (fourth row, from left) Billy Nicholson, Union; Frank McCurdy, Morton; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Leo Parker, Noxapater; and (fifth row, from left) Silas O'Neal, Carthage; Sam Bounds, Lawrence; Jackie Bradford, Forest; Jerry K. Moore (vice chairman), Carthage; and Edsel Cliburn, Collinsville. Not pictured are Dale Rogers of Walnut Grove, Joe Edd Kea of Carthage, Ralph Henry of Philadelphia and Henry B. Hudspeth, Dr. Fred Perkins and Mrs. Brenda Miller all of Louisville. (EC photo)

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Faculty/Administration

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Carthage man named to new ECCC position

Joseph J. Renaud Jr. of Carthage has been selected Personal Development Specialist at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Renaud was associated with New York Life insurance company and worked in various other sales positions.

He is also a former personnel manager at Green Acres Farms in Sebastopol and served as assistant plant manager at Choctaw Maid Farms in Carthage. In addition, he is a former employment counselor for the Mississippi State Employment Service in Forest and also served as housing officer for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia. He began his career as a social worker for the State Welfare Department in Carthage.

In his new position at East Central, Renaud will be working with individuals, businesses and industries in the ECCC five-county district in an effort to provide individual educational counseling and individual and group assessments for all categories of literacy and job skills.

Renaud is the most recent addition to the college's workforce development team. His office will be located in the new One-Stop Career Center sched-



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uled for completion later this spring.

A graduate of R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel, Renaud received an associate in arts degree from Jones County Junior College and holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Shirley Sanders of Carthage who is employed as a history teacher at Choctaw Central Middle School near Philadelphia. They have two children, Joff, an ECCC honor graduate who is currently a senior at USM, and Tara, a senior at Carthage High School.

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profit organization established to provide for the needs of children and young people in the area. The Humanitarian Award is presented annually to a person, organization or business that goes above and beyond its normal responsibilities to help today's youth.

"The Junior Auxiliary's basic focus is to help children," said Susan Speed, Junior Auxiliary Humanitarian award committee chairman, who presented Surles the award earlier this week. She said Surles' dedicated involvement the lives of youth everywhere gained her the recognition, particularly her work with Habitat for Humanity.

"We feel like with a strong home situation, a child has a much better chance of prospering in life. If they are reared in a complex or rental situation, there's a chance they might encounter some bad influences that would keep that from ever becoming reality. Marion's work through Habitat for Humanity has helped provide many, many children homes and chances that they might never have had otherwise."

Some of the ways Surles accomplishes volunteer work while juggling a family and a part-time job includes her church.

She founded the Christian Life Club, a Bible club for children at Central United Methodist Church, where she also serves on the administrative board. She is also active in Cowboys for Christ, an international organization that promotes the well-being, minds and bodies of little cowboys and cowgirls.

Since she was a child, Surles has been called on to translate Spanish — one of the great loves of her life. "It started in elementary school, and I

just loved it.

"My family always went camping every summer for vacation," she recalls. "We'd camp in Mexico, and I was the only one who knew any Spanish. It got us around and that's what interested me.

"... That's what I try to tell my students at ECCC," she said. "You never know what door it can open."

Surles grew up in Columbus and graduated from Mississippi State University with a master's degree in Spanish.

She married Ross Surles who was coaching in the Delta at the same school where she was teaching Spanish. The couple moved to Meridian about eight years ago. Five of those years she taught at Meridian High School, and last fall she accepted a teaching position at East Central Community College.

The couple has two children, Fran 7, and Callie Jo, 3. Their oldest daughter, Beth, died in an automobile accident in 1993 at the age of 9. The crash also claimed the life of Mr. Surles' mother.

Following the accident, the Surleses waited a year to build the home originally designed to give Beth her dream of being around horses.

"Moving out here was her dream," Surles said after only a few months in her new west Lauderdale County home. "It's kind of bitter sweet."

But the sweet side of the story is that Surles and her family plan to use the home

and barn — designed with Beth's wishes in mind — to bring joy to other children.

"We hope to use this house some way to share what we've been blessed with having. We want it to be a place for kids to come and play and be in the country, and not have to worry about all

"There's no question that she's made a difference in Habitat for Humanity in all the capacities she's served in," said Martha Lloyd, a Habitat volunteer and former president. "It's obvious she enjoys her work and she volunteers because of her enthusiasm and belief in the cause of this group."

"It was really humbling to be fol-



Surles still finds the energy to enjoy time with her 3-year-old daughter, Callie Jo.

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the problems of the city."

"Marion is a person who does not mind giving of her time to others, as she has proved by the countless hours she has given to Habitat for Humanity," Speed said. "Her work has helped provide a dream come true for many," she added.

"She doesn't get caught up in her own life and own problems so much that she can't look beyond that and help other people," said Katy Watkins, a Habitat volunteer, who is also a longtime friend of Surles. "I think that she feels a real concern for all children and all families."

lowing in Mac Barnes' footsteps," said Surles, who is the second recipient of the JA award. Barnes, head football coach at Meridian High School, was named last year.

"I just think the world of him. He gives his whole life to helping children, really his whole family does. And he gets to know his players. He even gets involved with their home life. I mean he doesn't just coach football."

As did Barnes, Surles received a plaque. The Auxiliary will also donate \$500 to a charity in her honor.

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For service rendered

Meridian Junior Auxiliary honors Marion Surles for contributions to youth



Susan Speed, left, award committee chairman for the Junior Auxiliary, presents Marion Surles the organization's Humanitarian Award. Surles is the second person to be presented the award that honors those who help the young.

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The Meridian Star



Surles teaches Spanish part-time at East Central Community College in Decatur. She uses her language skills to interpret for a missionary medical team, which travels to Bolivia for a week nearly every other year. Far left, Surles dresses the part while in Bolivia as part of a Christian missionary program at Central United Methodist Church.

Special photo by Bubby Johnston

"She's one of those people who looks with her heart, rather than her eyes ... There's no end to how much she gives."

Nancy Warner

Marion Surles has worked on several blitz homes constructed by Habitat recipients and volunteers.



By **Sharon White**
The Meridian Star

When Marion Surles noticed large holes in the water-drenched walls of two teen-agers' rooms, it reconfirmed her



dedication to help Habitat for Humanity combat homelessness and unfit housing for the young.

"We give families with children precedence, because we feel like the new house makes an impact on their lives," said the longtime Habitat volunteer. "I remember this one family and what they lived in before the move. The two oldest boys were sleeping in a basement of a rental, and there was no heat. There were big cracks in the wall where the wind could come in, and the showers from upstairs dripped down on their beds.

"How can they go to school and do their best when they've had a night like this?" she remembers asking herself every time she has to work with others on a committee that must dwindle some 60 applications to one or two.

"She doesn't get caught up in her own life and own problems so much that she can't look beyond that and help other people..."

Katy Watkins

"We feel like a new home can really impact children's esteem," Surles said. "They

want to study hard and do better in school."

Looking forward is why her name not only is on many Habitat official contract records, but also on the minds of many with whom her life is shared.

"She's one of those people who looks with her heart, rather than her eyes," said Nancy Warner, a longtime friend who has worked side-by-side with Surles in Habitat projects, church retreats and missionary trips to Bolivia. "There's no end to how much she gives."

On several occasions since 1988, the pair has traveled as part of Central United Methodist Church's missionary effort to Bolivia, where Surles serves as an interpreter for a medical team dealing with a Spanish-speaking community.

"When we go down there, it refocuses what's really necessary," Surles said. "You can begin to see how we could be getting by on such much less. Like for children with mental or physical handicaps there, there are no special services of any kind. No special schools."

"No matter what her personal or family situation, she has been able to go every time we have gone," said Dr. Michael O'Neal, a Hattiesburg physician who travels with the Bolivia mission. "She was pregnant on one trip, and they were building a house and they went. She has been on every Mississippi trip we've taken.

"... She's an excellent translator. It's through her interpretation that the medical team finds out the children's problems and gets the medical attention to these people they really need," O'Neal said. "She is a very strong leader and always shows real compassion for the people in a committed way."

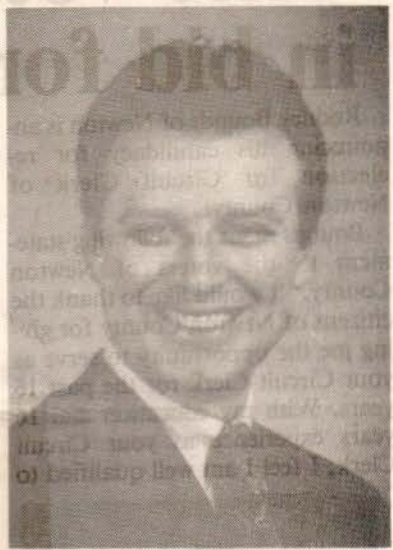
For these and other tireless efforts to enhance the life of children and young people everywhere, Surles has been named the recipient of the 1994 Junior Auxiliary Humanitarian Award.

Junior Auxiliary is a non-

at ECCC... Thrash in concert Feb. 16th

The Division of Communication and Fine Arts at East Central Community College will present James W. Thrash, Jr. in a piano concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 16, in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Thrash is a Decatur native and a graduate of Decatur High School where he was an outstanding piano and band student. He was an active member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church and served as church organist during his high school years.



Thrash

He holds a bachelor of music degree in piano and organ from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. While attending Eastman, Thrash was awarded a Performer's Certificate, the highest award presented to a student for the master's degree. He has performed as a soloist with the Jackson Symphony and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestras.

After graduation, Thrash became Director of Music and Fine Arts at First United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa and served as an adjunct faculty member at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He currently serves as Director of Music at Germantown United Methodist Church and has the responsibilities of directing two chancel choirs and the youth choir. In addition, he provides assistance to the directors of the children's choirs and bell choirs as well as guiding the development of the music program of the entire congregation.

Thrash and his wife Sharon, who is also a native Mississippian, have two daughters, Mary and Emily, and reside in Colliersville, Tennessee. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Thrash of Decatur. One of his piano teachers in the early years of his training was Mrs. Marian Thornton, a faculty member of East Central Community College.

There is no charge for admission to the program and the public is invited to hear this outstanding musician in concert.

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Academic and Athletic Achievements

Another year of academic and athletic accomplishments were highlights of 1994 for East Central Community College, where enrollment once again reached a record level.

East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was recognized as a Distinguished Chapter by the

year period. She has since graduated from ECCC and is continuing her studies in secondary math education at Mississippi State University.

East Central also recognized Callahan as the college's Outstanding Student for 1993-94. She and biol-

lege Athletic Association to six student athletes who excelled in the classroom and in their respective sports areas.

Selected NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans (students with a 3.8 grade point average or better) were Kim Reel of Preston



ECCC CAREER CENTER NEARS COMPLETION: Work is continuing on the new One-Stop Career Center at East Central Community College which is scheduled for completion in March. The facility located next to the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, will house offices of several college personnel whose primary responsibility will be to provide various services for area businesses and industries. For more information contact Mr. Earl Marshall, Career Center Team Leader, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327.

international honor society of two-year colleges which designated the ECCC organization as one of the top 25 chapters in the nation. The college previously received Five Star recognition, PTK's highest honor. Both sponsors of the East Central chapter - Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris - are also former recipients of Outstanding Advisor awards.

Another honor presented by Phi Theta Kappa was the selection of then sophomore Cindy Callahan of Forest as a recipient of the prestigious Guistwhite Scholarship, which is awarded annually to only 10 students nationwide.

Callahan, a product of Scott Central High School, received cash stipends of \$5,000 each to finance

ogy instructor Ron Davis were honored at the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence) observance which pays tribute to outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Callahan and five other sophomores were selected recipients of the highest honor a student can receive at ECCC - induction into the college's Hall of Fame. Others chosen for the prestigious honor included

Carla Leflore and Marcus Mann, both of Carthage; Amy Pace of Decatur; Melandy Thomas of Lena; and Sharon Kay Eldridge of Dekalb.

Academic honors were also pre-

and Jamie Morrow of Harvey, Louisiana. Reel, a product of Nanih Waiya High School, was a first team All-State infielder on the Lady Warrior softball team. Morrow was a second team All-State pitcher for the Diamond Warriors.

Students named NJCAA Academic All-Americans (3.6 GPA or better) and their respective sports included Newton County High School product Mark Fanning (baseball) of Hickory, Winston Academy graduate Clay Ward (basketball) of Louisville, Neshoba Central's Brandon Gray (baseball) of Union and Carla Leflore (basketball) of Carthage.

No doubt the sports highlight of the year occurred when the Lady Warrior basketball team defeated

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championship and a berth in the NJCAA Tournament in Tyler, Texas. After losing a close contest in the first-round action, the ECCC women rebounded for three straight victories and claimed the Consolation Championship. The Lady Warriors - who were ranked seventh in the nation following the week-long competition - ended the season with a 28-7 record. Honors were also presented to head coach Sammy Pace who was named Outstanding Women's Basketball Coach of the

Year. He was also selected Community College Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by *The Clarion Ledger*. Post-season honors were also awarded to several Lady Warriors, with Rena Reed of Forest gaining the most recognition. Reed was chosen second team All-American, All Region 23, All-State

and All Star. She was also named to the NJCAA and Region 23 All Tournament Teams.

The men's basketball team also experienced a successful season, winning the South Division Tournament and finishing with a 23-5 record. The Warriors, coached by Marty Cooper, were led by first team All-American Marcus Mann, a product of South Leake High School. Mann also garnered All Region 23, All-State and All Star honors. In addition, he was named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team.

A division title was also captured by Mike Anderson's Lady Warrior softball team which won the North Division Championship enroute to a 25-15 record.

In addition, the Warrior cheerleaders received national recognition following competition in the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Camp held at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. Kelly Bridgman served as sponsor.

Another significant event was the dedication of the Harrison Memorial Garden, named in memory of Crystal and C.J. Harrison, children of ECCC instructor Ricky Harrison and his wife Janean, who were killed in an automobile accident in 1993 near

their home in the Little Rock community. The picturesque area, lo-

cated between Burton Library and the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, is a popular gathering place for college personnel and students. A row of Bradford pear trees has also been planted near the baseball field in memory of the Harrison children.

Several college personnel held various positions of leadership during 1994: included were Dr. Eddie Smith, college president, who served as president of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges (SACJTC). The organization is affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACA) whose membership included community and junior colleges located in 11 states and Puerto Rico. Dr. Smith also served as president of Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and was Board Chairman of the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

Also receiving recognition were: physical education instructor and former women's basketball coach Lucille Wood who began serving her second term as a Region 23 Director for the National Junior College Athletic Association; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction, who served as an executive committee member of the Academic Deans' Association and was a member of

the EdNet Advisory Committee; Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records and research, who served as vice president of the Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; Gene Davis, director of adult and continuing education, who served as Board member of the Mississippi Association of Adult and Continuing Education; and math instructor Dr. Shelby Harris, chairman of the division of science and mathematics, appointed to the Board of Directors of the Mississippi/Louisiana Section of the Mathematics Association of America.

Officials from East Central also participated in dedication ceremonies

held in July for the Community College Network (CCN), a totally interactive telecommunications system linking the state's community and junior colleges, University Med-

ical Center and the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at Mississippi State University.

During the summer months, ECCC graduated its first class of surgical technology students and began offering the associate degree nursing program in the fall semester.

Plans were later announced to construct an Allied Health Building to house the previously mentioned health-related programs of study along with licensed practical nursing

and child development technology.

Activities in the fall began with the announcement the college had a record enrollment of 1482 students which surpassed the previous mark of 1451 set during the 1994 spring term.

The college honored several outstanding individuals during its annual homecoming celebration who included Paul Breazeale, Alumnus of the Year, of Jackson; Mrs. Jane Todd Curry, Alumna of the Year, Raleigh, North Carolina; Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Mrs. Charlene Jones Bates of Forest, Charlie Hope of Sharpsburg, Georgia, and the late Malcolm "Puddin" Jones of Decatur; and Instructors of the Year, Mrs. Alice Pouncey (academic) and Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts (vocational-technical). Also honored were Homer Hunter of Decatur, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award, and longtime English instructor Ovid Vickers who received special recognition during Arts and Humanities Month.

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East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was recognized as a Distinguished Chapter by the International honor society of two-year colleges which designated the ECCC organization as one of the top 25 chapters in the nation. The college previously received Five Star recognition, PTK's highest honor. Both sponsors of the East Central chapter, Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris, are also former recipients of Outstanding Advisor awards.

Another honor presented by Phi Theta Kappa was the selection of then sophomore Cindy Callahan of Forest as a recipient of the prestigious Guistwhite Scholarship, which is awarded annually to only 10 students nationwide.

Callahan, a product of Scott Central High School, received cash stipends of \$5,000 each to finance baccalaureate studies over a two-year period. She has since graduated from ECCC and is continuing her studies in secondary math education at Mississippi State University.

East Central also recognized Callahan as the college's outstanding Student for 1993-94. She and biology instructor Ron Davis were honored at the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence) observance which pays tribute to outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Callahan and five other sophomores were selected recipients of the highest honor a student can receive at ECCC - induction into the college's Hall of Fame. Others chosen for the prestigious honor included Carla Leflore and Marcus Mann, both of Carthage; Amy Pace of Decatur; Melinda Thomas of Leeser; and Sharon Kay Eldridge of DeKalb.

Academic honors were also presented by the National Junior College Athletic Association to

Harvey, La. Reel, a product of Nanih Waiya High School, was a first team All-State infielder on the Lady Warrior softball team. Morrow was a second team All-State pitcher for the Diamond Warriors.

Students named NJCAA Academic All-Americans (3.6 GPA or better) and their respective sports included Newton County High School product Mark Fanning (baseball) of Hickory, Winston Academy graduate Clay Ward (basketball) of Louisville, Neshoba Central's Brandon Gray (baseball) of Union and Carla Leflore (basketball) of Carthage.

No doubt the sports highlight of the year occurred when the Lady Warrior basketball team defeated Pearl River for the Region 23 championship and a berth in the NJCAA Tournament in Tyler, Texas.

After losing a close-contest in first-round action, the ECCC women rebounded for three straight victories and claimed the Consolation Championship. The Lady Warriors, who were ranked seventh in the nation following the week-long competition, ended the season with a 28-7 record. Honors were also presented to head coach Sammy Pace who was named Outstanding Women's Basketball Coach from Region 23 and was voted MACJC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. He was also selected Community College Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by The Clarion-Ledger. Post-season honors were also awarded to several lady Warriors, with Rena Reed of Forest gaining the most recognition. Reed was chosen second team All-American, All Region 23, All-State and All Star. She was also named to the NJCAA and Region 23 All Tournament Teams.

The men's basketball team also experienced a successful season, winning the South Division Tournament and finishing with a 23-5 record. The Warriors, coached by Marty Cooper, were led by first team All-American Marcus Mann, a product of South Leake High School. Mann also garnered All Region 23, All-State and All Star honors. In addition he was named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team.

A division title was also captured by Mike Anderson's Lady Warrior softball team which won the North Division Championship en route to a 25-5 record.

In addition, the Warriors were

the dedication of the Harrison Memorial Garden, named in memory of Crystal and C.J. Harrison, children of ECCC instructor Ricky Harrison and his wife Janean, who were killed in an automobile accident in 1993 near their home in the Little Rock community. The picturesque area, located between Burton Library and the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, is a popular gathering place for college personnel and students. A row of Bradford pear trees has also been planted near the baseball field in memory of the Harrison children.

Several college personnel held various positions of leadership during 1994, among whom included Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, who served as president of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges (SACJTC). The organization is affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) whose membership included community and junior colleges located in 11 states and Puerto Rico. Dr. Smith also served as president of Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and was Board Chairman of the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

Also receiving recognition were physical education instructor and former women's basketball coach Lucille Wood who began serving her second term as a Region 23 Director for the National Junior College Athletic Association; Dr. Phil Stuphin, dean of instruction, who served as an executive committee member of the Academic Deans' Association and was a member of the EdNet Advisory Committee; Raymond McWhorter, director of admissions, records and research who served as vice president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges; and

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chairman of the division of science and mathematics, who received appointment to the Board of Directors of the Mississippi/Louisiana Section of the Mathematics Association of America.

Officials from East Central also participated in dedication ceremonies held in July for the Community College Network (CCN), a totally interactive telecommunications system linking the state's community and junior colleges, University Medical Center and the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at Mississippi State University.

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ECCC to offer Vowell Memorial Scholarship

Applications are being accepted from students interested in receiving the Lavern Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Established in 1993 by Elizabeth, E.L. and David Vowell in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Lavern Vowell, the scholarship is awarded each year to an entering freshman and covers the cost of tuition for two semesters.

To qualify for the scholarship recipients must: major in some field of business administration; have a demonstrated need for financial assistance; and have a demonstrated potential for academic success.

Preference will be given to applicants for the scholarship who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc.

Applications for the scholarship will be reviewed by the college's Dean of Students. Final selection of each year's recipient will be made by the college's scholarship committee.

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss, Ph 635-2111, ext 205.

Scholarship applications accepted at EC

Applications are being accepted from students interested in applying for the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College.

The scholarship was established in 1991 by the Forest couple's sons (Tom, Robert, Ray and Ted) to honor their parents for the "motivation, assistance and encouragement" they provided their children. The Hannahs encouraged their sons to acquire the education each would need to help assure a successful future. All four of their sons attended East Central.

Awarded annually to an entering freshman from Scott County, recipients must have the demonstrated potential for successful college study and must be able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Recipients are selected by the college's scholarship committee.

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ECCC to hold Hosa Co-ed Softball gala

The second annual Hosa Co-ed Softball Jamboree will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the softball complex in Union beginning at 8 a.m. There will be an entry fee and it will be a double elimination tournament. There will also be face painting, a silent auction, blood pressure screening, and finger painting of children. A concession stand will also be available.

The event sponsored by the East Central Community College Hosa and Paste Clubs. For more information call Janice Jacobs at 635-2111 or 679-5975.

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Citizens Bank Announces Scholarship For ECCC

A full tuition scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur is again being offered by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia.

Established in 1992, the scholarship is available to a selected recipient from one of the four ECCC district counties served by the bank, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Scott counties. The scholarship is available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient's freshman year.

To be eligible, a recipient must: (1) enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College

the fall semester following high school graduation; (2) reside in an area served by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia in the ECCC District; (3) have demonstrated leadership ability in his/her high school; and (4) have scored a composite of 20 or above on the ACT.

Recipients are selected by the college scholarship committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

For more information and to receive scholarship applications students should contact their respective high school counselors.

Sunburst Bank Announces Scholarship To ECCC

A full tuition scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur is again being offered by Sunburst Bank.

Established in 1992, the scholarship is available to a selected recipient from one of the four counties served by the bank in the ECCC District. Sunburst operates branch offices in Decatur, Union, Philadelphia, Louisville, Forest and Newton. The value of the fall semester tuition scholarship is equal to the current published matriculation fee for one semester.

To be eligible, a recipient must:

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ECCC'S CAREER CENTER TEAM - These East Central Community College personnel are members of the college's One-Stop Career Center Team whose main area of responsibility is to provide a variety of services for area businesses and industries in an effort to improve the quality of the workforce in ECCC's five-county district. The centers are being established at each of the state's community and junior colleges as a result of the Mississippi Workforce Education Act of 1994. Members of the ECCC team include (seated from left) Earl Marshall, team leader; Maudean Sanders, Tech-Prep Coordinator; Stacie Weir, Basic Skills Specialist; Shelia Lyon, Special Populations Coordinator; John Adcock, Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction; and (standing from left) Jim Hansford, Industrial Coordinator; Joe Renaud, Personal Development Specialist; Ronnie Westbrook, Small Business Development Director; Larry Blackburn, Workforce Specialist; and Roger Whitlock, Work-Based Learning Coordinator. The college personnel will soon be housed in a new facility scheduled for completion in March. For additional information contact Earl Marshall, Team Leader, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111. (EC Photo)

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ACCOUNTING EDUCATORS GATHER - Accounting instructors at Mississippi Community colleges recently took part in an information-sharing program sponsored by Mississippi State University's School of Accountancy. Among those receiving a campus welcome and a program schedule from school director Pierre Titard were (second from left to right) Roberta Holt of East Central Community College and resident of Little Rock, MS, Rachel Ezelle of East Mississippi Community College and is from Noxapater and Kashin Malkani of Meridian Community College who lives in Meridian. The educators discussed a range of topics, including technological advances in classroom instruction and recent updates in professional accounting standards.

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Dedication celebration marks retirement

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Ceremonies to name the East Central Community College Fine Arts Center in honor of a retiring faculty member whose service to the institution spans four decades will be held Saturday, May 6, 1995, on the Decatur campus.

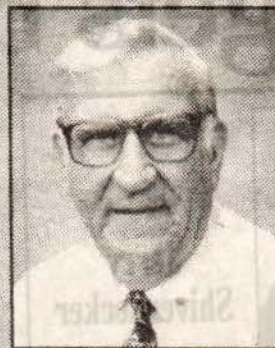
Program activities begin at 2:30 p.m. in Huff Auditorium followed by formal dedication of the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center scheduled outside the facility. A reception follows in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith earlier announced the decision to name the Fine Arts Center in Vickers' honor following unanimous approval of the college's Board of Trustees at its March meeting. The board's action came following a recommendation from the College's Committee to Study and Recommend Names for Campus Buildings and Facilities. In making the announcement, Dr. Smith, Committee Chairman and a former student of Mr. Vickers, commented:

"It is obviously most appropriate that the College's Fine Arts Center be named in honor of Mr. Ovid Vickers. No one more represents 'fine arts' at East Central than Mr. Vickers. He has not only been an excellent teacher but also an accomplished writer and speaker who has provided a multitude of services in these areas for East Central Community College. There will never be another 'Ovid Vickers' on this campus; and the naming of the Fine Arts Center for his many contributions will serve as an everlasting tribute to this outstanding individual."

Dr. Richard Etheridge, social sciences instruction and Chairman of the

Vickers, who began his association with East Central in 1955, said he considers the naming of the Fine Arts Center in his honor "to be the greatest honor that has ever come my way during my 65 years."



Division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education who chaired a Special Projects Committee which worked on details regarding the recommendation, made the following remarks:

"Mr. Vickers has effectively helped thousands of students who have studied speech, drama, composition and literature with him over his 40-year career at this institution. His passion is educating students and he accepts nothing less than their best work in these areas. Mr. Vickers puts students first and foremost in his career; nothing equates with their learning and being successful in the marketplace from his perspective, he has taught foundation courses in his areas of expertise to many scholars who now fill important positions in colleges, universities and the business world."

Vickers, who began his association with East Central in 1955, said he considers the naming of the Fine Arts Center in his honor "to be the greatest honor that has ever come my way during my 65 years."

A native of Gadsden, Ala., Vickers has served as Chairman of the Division of Communications and Fine Arts since 1984 in addition to his teaching duties. As an instructor of

English, Vickers has been the recipient of various accolades throughout his career.

Vickers and colleague Dr. Ethridge inaugurated the Honors Program in English and History at East Central to offer advanced instruction to exceptionally bright students. He and Dr. Ethridge, after extensive preparation at the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Institute in Airlie, Va., began the PTK Leadership Program which is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to offer leadership instruction to citizens

of the community as well as to students of the college.

His writings have also brought recognition to the published playwright and newspaper columnist.

Last October Vickers presented a lecture on "Southern Folklore" to a standing room only audience in the Fine Arts Center and in recognition of Arts and Humanities Month. Following his remarks, he was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for Instruction by Mrs. Patsy Clark, Louisville, 1994 president of the ECCC Alumni Association. In addition, Vickers received an honorarium from the Mississippi Humanities Council which was presented by Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin.

He is married to the former Carolyn Farish, an East Central graduate from Neshoba County. They have three children who are also graduates of East Central. Nona, the oldest, is the mother of two and lives in Atlanta. Harrison is Public Relations Director at Hinds Community College in Raymond and Ovid III is a student at USM.

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McCANN, BOZEMAN and STURDIVANT

Area artists to exhibit works at Philly library

The artworks of the collegiate artists from this area who are attending Belhaven College will be featured in an exhibit that opens Sunday at the Philadelphia Library. An opening reception will be held in the library's auditorium between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Featured artists will be Hollie Sturdivant of Carthage, Susan McCann of Sebastopol, and Floyd Anderson Bozeman of Laurel Hill.

Hollie, the daughter of Bobby and Mabel Sturdivant of Carthage, is a CHS graduate and received an art scholarship from nationally accredited Belhaven College and is under the instruction of professors Jon Whittington and Bruce Bezaire. She also received a Presidential Scholarship, based on academics, and is a member of the Belhaven Honors Program. She intends to pursue a career in interior design.

Susan, the daughter of Dale and Rose McCann, received a

ECCC, where she trained under instructor Bruce Guraedy. She later received an art scholarship from Belhaven and is also instructed by professors Whittington and Bezaire. She plans to enter graduate school.

Bozeman is the son of James and Yvonne Bozeman and is a graduate of Neshoba Central. He also received a two-year art scholarship to ECCC and was on the Dean's List and honor roll while there. After transferring to Belhaven College he received an art scholarship and is on the Dean's List. He plans to teach art education on the junior high level.

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Locals exhibiting art at East Central

Dinah Montgomery of Jackson spent Easter here with her mother, Elaine Montgomery and grandmother, Margaret Brown.

Pauline Rhodes will have here children here for Easter. Tully and Brenda and children Melinda and Mary Beth. Her daughter, Mary Ann will also be here.

Pauline said she went over to Starkville to see Bill and Jewel Flood last week. She said Bill could hardly get about. He is in a wheelchair most of the time.

Joyce Crawley's daughter, Tina Bridges and children, Tisha and Andrew will be home for Easter. Then they will all go to Montgomery, Ala. house hunting since Tina's husband is being transferred from Texas to Montgomery.

On Friday, March 31, Agnes Burrage, Kay Ward, her son, Jeremy and friend Ross Parker, flew to Louisville, Ken. to visit Agnes' daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Leon Walden. While there Leon, Jeremy and Ross visited I Max and Fort Knox while Agnes, Gloria, and Kay shopped.

They flew back to Birmingham Sunday and drove back home.

Recently Fleta Cagle, Steve, Rebecca

AROUND LOUISVILLE

By Frances Webb

Carson and Rags visited Fleta's daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Ernie Crawford in Marion, Ark. Also visiting Sara were her grandchildren, Nathan and Nicky Dunn from Union City, Tenn. Jessica and Brad Doyle, her grandchildren who attend Arkansas State were home for spring break so they were able to visit all of Sara's family. Steve and Ernie went to Memphis to the I Max, a giant screen theatre which Steve said was awesome.

The annual Spring Art Exhibit is being held at East Central Community College from April 11 to May 6.

Twelve students will exhibit, two from Louisville, Marcia Vance and Chris Kemp. Special guests from the Red Hills Art Association of Louisville were Dot Depriest, Lucille Baker, Bernice Pearson, Joyce Crawley, Betty Cockrell, Carolyn Mitchell, Carolyn Hisaw, Barbara Howell and Scott Popec.

Jennie King's daughter from Atlanta came to see her mother last week.

Harold and Mary Rose Moore spent several days in Ridgeland taking care of granddaughters Jamie Lee and Mary Grace while Ricky and Jackie were in Birmingham for Ricky's annual check up at UAB. He received an excellent report.

It has been 10 1/2 years since Ricky's brother, Jim, gave him one of his kidneys, thus freeing Ricky from 12 hours a week on a kidney machine to stay alive.

He had been doing this for 8 1/2 years before the transplant.

The family had just returned from a trip to Gatlinburg and Pidgeon Forge, Tenn. Jamie Lee came in from school one day and said she would like for them to go on a trip during spring break.

Ricky said she sounded more like a college student than a kindergartner. There had been a five inch snow just before they got there.

They attended a Dixie Stampede performance in Pidgeon Forge.

Mary Rose said she and the children had nice visits with Patty Hughes and Olen Smith.

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Farm Bureau Establishes ECCC Scholarship

The first annual Mississippi Farm Bureau scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur was recently established and will be awarded beginning with the 1995 fall semester.

To be considered to receive the \$300 per semester award, various eligibility requirements must be met and include the following: (1) the recipient's family must hold a Farm Bureau membership in his/her resident county; (2) the recipient must have graduated from a high school in the ECCC district or hold residence in a county of same district; (3) the recipient must have an American College Test (ACT) composite score of 14 or better; (4) the recipient must have an overall "C" average or greater on all high school work attempted; (5) the recipient must not have a record of discipline problems; (6) the recipient must be from a household with combined family adjusted gross income of \$20,000 to \$30,000 as reported to the Internal Revenue Service; (7) the recipient must submit a completed scholarship application form to the Deann of Students Office at ECCC; and (8) the recipient must have made application to ECCC to be enrolled as a full-time student pursuing an academic, technical or vocational program of study.

The applicant selected for the Farm Bureau/ECCC Scholarship Program will be chosen by the College's District Scholarship Com-

mittee.

Recipients will receive a \$300 per semester scholarship which can be applied toward tuition, fees, textbooks or supplies needed for a particular program. The student must maintain full-time status, a 2.0 or better grade point average, and be free of disciplinary action to be re-awarded for the following semester. The scholarship can be retained for a total of two years (four semesters) for a maximum award of \$1200. These scholarships are not available during summer months.

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Establishes ECCC Scholarship... A college education will be more affordable for area students thanks to La-Z-Boy South in Newton which recently established a scholarship to attend East Central College in Decatur. The annual \$1000 award will be presented to a minimum of two in-district students with preference given to residents of Newton County. Earl Bryan (right), plant manager, is shown making the scholarship presentation to ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205.

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Eubanks to be honored for leadership at ECCC

Alumni of East Central Community College who were members of a leadership organization named The Kaljyc-Peers are among groups to be recognized at the College's 1995 homecoming observance scheduled October 7.

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According to homecoming organizers, names and addresses of former members of The Kaljyc-Peers have been located except for those who served during the following college terms: 1934-35, 1935-36, 1941-42 and 1942-43.

Anyone who was a member of the leadership organization during this period is urged to send his name and address to Mrs. Ann Burkes, Box 17, East

Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 219.

More information about homecoming details will be announced at a later date.

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ECCC Plans Open House for One-Stop Career Center

Ribbon-cutting and open house activities are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 1995, for the new Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Remarks to officially dedicate the facility, which is located adjacent to the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, will be made by ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman V. C. Manning of Philadelphia, College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith and Bob Beckley, plant manager of

ESCO Corporation in Newton who serves as chairman of the ECCC Workforce Council.

Refreshments will also be served.

The mission of the Career Center is to provide business and industry the education, training, placement, assessment and consultation to improve the quality of the workforce in the College's five-county district.

Personnel whose offices are located in the Center include Earl Marshall, Team Leader; Jim Hansford, Industrial Coordinator; Larry

Blackburn, Workforce Specialist; Roger Whitlock, Work-based Learn-

ing Coordinator; Staci Weir, Basic Skills Specialist; Joe Renaud, Personal Development Specialist; Ronald B. Westbrook, Small Business Development Center Director; Maudean Sanders, Tech-Prep Coordinator; Shelia Lyon, Special Populations Coordinator; and a representative for the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

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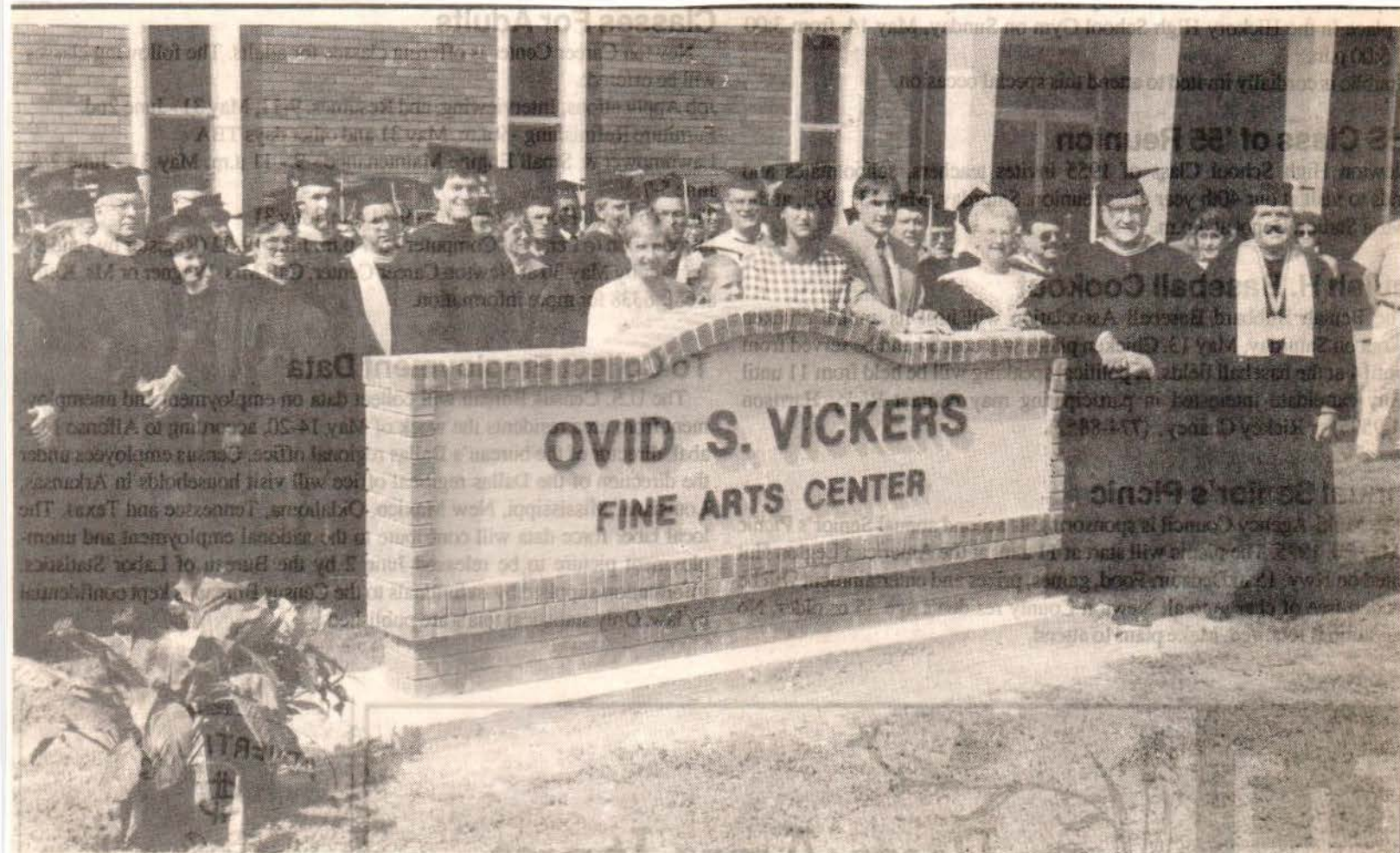


ATTEND ECCC WORKSHOP - The above area guardsmen were special guests of East Central Community College during workshop activities recently held on the Decatur campus. Information about various ECCC services and programs was provided at the one-day session which was arranged through the Office of Adult and Continuing Education. Participants included (seated from left) Billy J. Alford, Co. A, 150 Th ENGR BN, Carthage; SSG Roland Jay, BTRY B 1-204th ADA, Forest; SGT Christopher R. Wharton, 367th Maint. Co., Philadelphia; and (standing from left) SGT Irven Skinner, 186 ARG - DPEH, Meridian; and SFC Travis Robertson, kHHD 298th Maint. BN, Philadelphia. Also attending but not pictured is MSG Jimmy Jones, HHB(-), 1st 204th ADA, Newton. (EC Photo)

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EAST CENTRAL DEDICATES FACILITY TO OVID VICKERS:
 Dedication ceremonies naming the East Central Community College Fine Arts Center in honor of retiring faculty member Ovid S. Vickers were held Saturday, May 6, on the Decatur campus with over 300 well-wishers paying tribute to the longtime English instructor. Vickers, standing with Dr. Eddie Smith, EC President, is shown next to the recently constructed sign designating the facility's new name, along with family, friends and colleagues. Vickers was earlier praised for his 40 years service to the College by various individuals during convocation activities held in Huff Auditorium. A reception was later held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. (EC Photo)

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CONDUCT ECCC PROGRAM - A panel discussion on "Women Executives in State Government" was recently presented at East Central Community College with the above serving as program participants. From left are Maria Felts, Administrative Assistant, Employment Security Commission; Chunda Logino, Administrative Assistant, Marketing Division, Mississippi Home Corporation; Sandra Morrison, Administrator, Crime Victim Compensation, Department of Finance and Administration; Amanda O'Kelly, an intern for Constituent Services in the Governor's office; and Johnna Van, Press Secretary to Governor Kirk Fordice. The panelists discussed a variety of opportunities that are available for women who want to become involved in state government. (EC Photo)

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ECCC holds 66th commencement ceremony for 263 graduates

Commencement activities were held May 12 for 263 graduation candidates at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The ceremony, which marked the college's 66th commencement program, was held at Warrior Stadium. Mandy Sessums of Union, who was earlier selected as ECCC's HEADWAE Student for 1994-95 (Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working Toward Academic Excellence), delivered the commencement address. Sessums was also named to the Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State First Team. Other students serving as program participants included Phillip Prine of Philadelphia, invocation; Inex Cager of Union, soloist; and Mike Hurst of Hickory, benediction.

Degrees and certificates were awarded by college president Eddie M. Smith and Phil A. Sutphin, dean of instruction.

The passing-of-the-mace ceremony from retiring English instructor Ovid Vickers to faculty member Lucille Wood made Wood the college's instructor with the longest tenure. Vickers retirement came following 40 years of service on the Dacula campus. Wood began her work at ECCC in 1956.

Graudation candidates for the ceremony included the following:

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Eric Lee Adcock, Christie Dawn Allen, Shannon Nicole Brown, Rhonda Chipley Burns, Jacqueline K. Cain, Travis Cain, Eric Lamont Caples, Anthony Jason Green, Phillip D. Greag, Tiffany Cumberland Gunn, Derrick Kendale Henson, Lorrie Ann Howell, Melissa Diane Jones, Dianne A. Lane, Yancy E. Martin, Sharon F. McCall, Sandra Moore, Joshua Damon Ray, Nikki C. Ross, Jane E. Wilkerson and Daniel Ray Young, all of Carthage; Pamela Renee Ferguson, Dorothy Ann Graffree, Harry Hartman Holliman, Kitty Marie Thrash, Laura Shay Thornton and Brad Underwood, all of Walnut Grove; Beverly Jean Chambers, Lori W. Gunn, Cindy Presley, Jennifer Michelle Shows, Timothy Wayne Thompson, Christopher

Kevin Wayne Baysinger, Heather Marie Beckham, Jeffrey Boswell, William Lundy Brantley, Michael Brooks Bryan, Maggie Bell Chitto, Debbie Lynn Clark, Leigh Ann Coats, Stephen Roy Curtis, Richard Guy Cutrer, Janet Willis Farve, Ryan Douglas Fulton, Jimmy Paul Gray, R. Kevin Hearn, Velma L. Henry, Sara T. Hollingsworth, Shannon Dawn Jenkins, Ricky John, Lisa Johnson, Bridgett Jones, Christi T. Lee, Ralph A. Lewis Jr., Jason Carr Long, Max Ryan Maxey, Harold Dewitt McAdory, Nolan Mitch, Kimberley D. Moore, Kandi Carol Poe, Phillip Derrick Prince, Jennifer Kathleen King Rawls, Dana N. Reid, Laura Lea Robinson, Ronald Ryan Sam, Rhonda D. Sanderford, Amanda Nichole Seward and Jinnifer Dawn Sharp, Melinda A. Smith, Tammy R. Spencer, Vincent Lemont Spencer, Teresa Nahwee Stroud, Henrietta Kaye Thomas, Jacqueline Dane Vance, Mary Ann Ross Williamson, Barbara Ann Willis, Toronda Wilson, Amanda York, Janice Kay York and Michelle Lynn Zeman, all of Philadelphia.

Newton County

Sherry Caroline Buckley, Chunky; Rachael Chesney, Tracey Leann Graham, Jeannie Marie Haralson, Michael Shannon Jimmie, Leslie Anne Lang, Kimberlea K. Peckham, Quendal Hayes Shoemaker and Robert C. Wall, all of Conehatta; Kristen Leigh Barnett, Amanda Gibbs Blount, Mario M. Brown, Wanda Gwen Burton, Leslie Miles Cleveland, Rebecca D. Ezell, Carla Renee Glenn, Eric Demond Goodman, Sue Harrison, Terry L. Jones, Eri Todd Jordan, Melissa Paige Loper, Rebecca Kristen Luke, Sonja Renee Majure, Anthony Todd Reeves, Kristopher David Rigdon, Misty Dawn Savell and Kimberly Spillman, all of Decatur; Robin Patch Acord, Stacy Lynn Acord, John Lee Ferguson, Millard Levery Henley, David Michael Hurst Jr. and Virginia Joann Williams, all of Hickory; William Ryan Buteux, Jodi Renee Craven, Teresa A. Burnett Ehring, Lamonica Latrice Harris, Lisa Stephens Holmes, Jimothy Lamont Lewis, Lorie A. May, Jason Wayne Posey, Randall Kyle Reeves, Tim Renee Smiley and Leslie Carol Wilson, all of Lawrence; David Alexander, Chrissie Lynn Chaney, Jeanna Raxanne Chaney, Stacey Federick, Jason Lavoy Goforth, Jennifer E. Hitt, Angela Melissa Luke, Brandi Kay Smith, Latisha Nickole Vance and Gerald Glen White, all of Little Rock; Randy Leon Bradley, Joseph Chad Breland, Angela Renee Chapman, Tammie L. Evans, Cordney Johnson, Stephanie, and little

Matthew Adkins, Heidi Daree Apperson, Anitrel Kay Arthur, Michael W. Bradley, Amanda Danielle Breland, Mitchell Von Bullard, Wortly Evans Cager, Tammy Renee Carey, Amy S. Ezell, Chris Ezell, Rita Foster, Joseph Randall Germany, Brandi Lashonda Harber, Charlie Max Hardin, Ryan Joe Henry, Jean Ann James, Richard Lamar Johnson, Paul Keith Killen, Steven Trent Mabry, Jennifer Jalene Moorehead, Christopher Brian Mowdy, Kimberly Mowdy Price, Reid Paul Sanders, Mandy Rae Sessums, Holly E. Sharp, Rebecca Ann Spence and David Lee Warren, all of Union.

Scott County

Shanon D. Kyzar, Harperville; Alma Arlene Bates, Hillsboro; Elmer Ash, Donree Lorenzo Clark, Janette Grant, Penny Rena Hartman, Ronda Audie-Nicole Jones, Angela Loper Lewis, Rodney Lyles, Dave Hal Morehead, Charles L. Patrick, Jody Bucannon Riser, Cynthia Denise Sharp, Johnny Shoemaker, Mary E. Warren, Mark A. West, David Chad Williams and William Craig Wolf, all of Forest; Wilma Nell Cooksey, Nancy Lee Jones, Stephanie Moore and Lettra Cooksey Tally, all of Lake; and Amy Michelle Anthony, Heather Nichole Butler, Leia Nichole Crimm, Steven Lamar Denson, Genia Lee Griffin, Michael Antonio Holbert, Stanwood Lee Kincaid and LaWanda Miles, all of Morton.

Winston County

Lisa M. Blanset, Valerie Marsha Childress, Robin T. Clark, Rosie Mae Clark, Veronica Clingan Edwards, Jolie Diane Eubanks, Angela Luwanna Harden, Donna Michelle Hopkins, Eddie T. Hunt, Bridgett Dale Joiner, Julie Ann Joiner, Sherri Jones, Max R. Keene, Christopher William Kemp, Christina K. McAdory, James William McLeod, Daren Deon Middleton, Cornell L. Miller, Robert Bradley Peterson, Willie R. Porter, Patricia N. Robertson, Nicholas Earl Turner and Stacey Arnez Woods, all of Louisville; Jennifer Hemphil Collins, Nanih Waiya, and Paula Michele Moadory, Angie Michelle Parker, Janice Lynn Parker, Sandra Simpson Parridge and Angela Lucille Reeves, all of Kosciusko.

Jasper County

Jennifer Janetta Collins, Rose Hill, and Maxine Forte Dawkins, Montrose

Lauderdale County

Susan Anita George, Katrina Gail Joyner, Stephen Ray Smith, and Joe Marshall Williams, all of Collinsville, and Shawn Deray Bender, Edward Perry, Stephanie D. Dickerson, and little



Donates car to vo-tech

General Motors, Cadillac Division, donated a 1994 Cadillac Sedan Deville to the Automotive Mechanics Course at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center. The Automotive Mechanics Instructor, Bill Norcross, shown on the right, accepts the keys from the Cadillac district manager for the Mississippi area, Marvin Boomer. Between Mr. Norcross and Mr. Boomer is Robert Murphy, Director of the Vo-Tech. This donation is a result of a request made by Mr. Norcross at the start of the school year for materials to use in the Auto Mechanics course. This car will enable the students taking the course to see the newer systems as they learn about them. General Motors is constantly donating vehicles or parts of vehicles, to assist in the training of the students in the Vocational Education setting throughout the United States. These devices are donated to help educational institutions rather than disposing of them in other ways. The vehicles have usually been involved in floods or damaged in shipment so they cannot be sold as new vehicles. Devices donated are used to increase the level of instruction in the course, which will increase the capability of the students to succeed. Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech is a division of East Central Community College and accommodate both Neshoba Central and Philadelphia High School students.

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RECEIVE ECCC FACULTY MEMORIAL AWARDS - Recipients of Faculty Memorial Awards presented during Awards Day activities at East Central include (seated from left) Angle Anthony of Sebastopol, Frank M. Cross, Freshman Chemistry; Valeria Buggs of Newton, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship, Biological Sciences; and (standing from left) Brooks Bryan of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Joey Thrash of Walnut Grove, General William Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship; Jonathan Sharp of Newton, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; and Matthew Howell of Walnut Grove, Robert G. Flick Memorial Scholarship. Not pictured are Rhonda Sanderford of Philadelphia, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology (One-Year), and Danielle Breland of Union, Charles H. Pennington Business Technology (Two-Years). (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARDS - These East Central Community College students were recipients of Alumni Memorial Awards presented during Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Brad Peterson of Louisville, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Nichole Crimm of Morton, Alatha Chaney English Award; Kris Rigdon of Decatur, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering Award and Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech Award; Monte Robinson of Newton, William S. Giffin Men's Intramurals; and Genia Griffin of Morton, Earline Wood Women's Basketball. Standing from left are Tim Thompson of Lena, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Mike Hurst of Hickory, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Leadership Award and Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award; Jana Wilkerson of Carthage, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; and Lundy Brantley of Philadelphia, Andrew F. Webb Football Award. (EC Photo)

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La-Z-Boy sets up scholarship

A scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur has been established by La-Z-Boy South in Newton, officials have announced.

The \$1000 award will be presented annually to a minimum of two in-district students with preference given to students who reside in Newton County.

To qualify, recipients must be legal Mississippi residents who plan to enroll the next semester as full-time students on the Decatur campus. Students must also have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on all previous college credit course work or a "B" average on all previous high school course work. In addition, recipients must have demonstrated a high level of participation in extracurricular activities and/or community involvement.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205.

Vowell scholarship available at ECCC

Applications are being accepted from students interested in receiving the Lavern Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur.

Established in 1993 by Elizabeth, E.L. and David Vowell in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Lavern Vowell, the scholarship is awarded each year to an entering freshman and covers the cost of tuition for two semesters.

To qualify for the scholarship recipients must:

- 1) major in some field of business administration;
- 2) have a demonstrated need for financial assistance; and
- 3) have a demonstrated potential for academic success.

Preference will be given to applicants for the scholarship who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc.

Applications for the scholarship will be reviewed by the college's Dean of Students. Final selection of each year's recipient will be made by the college's scholarship committee.

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205.

Kappa Kappa Iota attends Convention

Six members of the Upsilon Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota recently attended the State Kappa Convention in Starkville. The Starkville Kappas hosted a reception for President Marie Hinson at the Holiday Inn the evening before the convention. Following the reception, Hinson presided over a meeting of the Executive Committee. Myerl Langford, State Treasurer, and Sandra Amis, State Parliamentarian, were present for the session.

Upsilon Conclave will again be represented with state officers for 1995-96. Alice Pouncey of Decatur was installed as Corresponding Secretary. Myerl Langford of Conchatta will serve again as State Treasurer. Alisia McMillan of Newton was elected to the State Nominating Committee. Other local members attending the convention were: Lillian Horton, Judy Harrison, and Carleen Gilmore.

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Honored at ECCC...Receiving special recognition at East Central Community College's end-of-the-year dinner were the above College personnel who either resigned or retired from their respective positions. From left are Tim Glaze, Baptist Student Union Director and his wife Laurie, an economics instructor, who have accepted similar positions at William Carey College, and Ovid Vickers, who has retired from full-time duties as English instructor and Chairman of the Division of Communications and Fine Arts. Each was presented various gifts of appreciation from the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Personnel Honored... These East Central Community College personnel were recognized for their many years of service at the annual "Apple for the Teacher Tea" recently held on the Decatur campus. During the special observance, recognition is given to those who have been employed at the two-year institution for 20 years. Honorees included (front row, from left) Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts, business technology instructor; Mrs. Barbara Deaton, secretary in communications center; Mrs. Gail Wood, library science instructor and assistant librarian; and (back row, from left) Mike Anderson, intramurals director and women's softball coach; Bruce Guraedy, art instructor; Ovid Vickers, English instructor and Chairman of the Division of Communications and Fine Arts; and Larry Blackburn, workforce specialist. Vickers, who earlier announced his retirement, was recognized for his 40 years of service to East Central.

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SPECIAL ECCC GUESTS - Newton County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were special luncheon guests of the College's Board of Trustees during the group's May meeting. Seated from left are supervisors Buddy Weems (District Five), Charles Moulds (District Three), James Smith (District Two), Bubba Bonds (District Four) and Walter Gardner (District One), and Chancery Clerk Janice Nelson. Standign from left are ECCC trustees Mrs. Sandra Amis of Conehatta; Newton County Superintendent of Education Charles Hand of Decatur and Billy Nicholson of Union; Newton County Administrative Assistant/Purchasing Agent Nancy Chaney of Little Rock; County Attorney Robert Logan of Newton; and ECCC trustees Sam Bounds of Lawrence, Glendon E. Caraway of Hickory and Mrs. Myrtle Burton of Newton. (EC Photo)

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ASSISTS INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE - Serving as Instructors for the workforce Adult Education program at East Central are (seated from left) Kay Ward of Louisville, Stacie Weir of Philadelphia, ECCC Basic Skills Specialist who serves as program coordinator; Jean McNair of Carthage, Paula Kerr of Newton and (standing from left) Philip Trest of Philadelphia, Tony Kinton of Carthage and McClain Hatch of Forest. Also serving as Instructors are Lisa Raybon of Decatur and Carmel Carlisle of Morton. Several area companies are currently participating in the new program including Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprise in Carthage, Green Acre Farms in Sebastopol, Georgia Pacific, Structural Panels Division in Louisville, Hughes Aircraft of Mississippi, Inc. in Forest, and Craft-Co Enterprises in Morton. East Central, through its Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, provides as a free service to area companies Adult Basic Education classes, GED preparation courses and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. For more information contact Mrs. Stacie Weir ECCC, Ph. 635-2111 ext. 304. (EC Photo)

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ECCC INSTRUCTORS HONORED - East Central Community College instructors Dr. Shelby Harris (left), Mrs. Alice Pouncey (third from left) and Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts (right) were presented excellence in teaching awards at The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference held recently in Austin, Texas. The ECCC honorees are shown with Suanne D. Roueche, NISOD director. The annual awards ceremony, which recognizes outstanding community/junior college instructors throughout the nation, is sponsored by the Department of Educational Administration, College of Education, The University of Texas at Austin. (EC Photo)

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NEW ECCC BAND PRACTICE FIELD - A new practice field for the East Central Warrior Marching Band is nearing completion and will be ready for use prior to the 1995 fall semester. Located next to the Warrior baseball field, the band practice area is the result of a cooperative effort between the Newton County Board of Supervisors and the ECCC Maintenance Department. Shown admiring the new location are (from left) James Smith, District Two Supervisor; Charles Moulds, District Three Supervisor; Mike Dearing, Director of the ECCC Physical Plant; Buddy Weems, District Five Supervisor; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President. Not pictured are supervisors Walter Gardner (District One) and Bubba Bonds (District Four). The band practice field was relocated due to groundbreaking ceremonies scheduled later this summer for the new Allied Health/Childcare Facility. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Ribbon Cutting... Joined by state and local officials, East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center during ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus. Also participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left) Bob Beckley, plant manager at ESCO Corporation in Newton and Chairman of the ECCC District Workforce Development Council; Karl Brantley, president of U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia; V.C. Manning of Philadelphia, chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees; Earl Bryan, plant manager of La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Mrs. Carol Vickers, ABE/GED instructor and Workforce Development Council member; Earl Marshall, Career Center Team Leader; Dr. Olon Ray, executive director of the Miss. State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. The Career Center is located adjacent to the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Purpose of the facility is to provide businesses and industry the education, training, placement, assessment and consultation to improve the quality of the workforce in ECCC's five-county district. For more information contact Mr. Marshall, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 299. (EC Photo)

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Planning ECCC Homecoming

Members of the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors recently held their spring semester meeting on the Decatur campus, with plans for the 1995 Homecoming celebration among major items of discussion. Special groups scheduled to be honored on October 7 include all classes ending in "5", the 1994-95 men's basketball team which won several area tournaments, the Region 7 (MS—TN—ARK) Championship and finished fourth in the NJCAA Tournament en route to a 34-4 record; and the KALJYCK PEERS

Leadership Group. The theme of this year's Homecoming is "Warrior Pride in '95." Making plans for the annual observance are, seated from left, Mrs. Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, past Association president; Mrs. Sandra Amis of Conehatta, Newton County representative; Mrs. Kay Lucas of Newton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ann Burkes, head librarian and Homecoming co-charirman; and Mrs. Michele Eargle, faculty representative. Standing from left are Dr. Phil

Sutphin, ECCC Dean of Instruction and Homecoming chairman; Mike Hurst of Hickory, SBA president; Ed Eichelberger of Forest, Scott County representative; Dan Harrison of Newton, Association vice president; David Howell of Carthage, Association president; Speedy Calvert of Louisville, Winston County representative; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. Not pictured are Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative, James Vance of Meridian and Earl Marshall of Clinton, who serve as out-of-district representatives.

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Farm Bureau establishes

The first annual Mississippi Farm Bureau scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur was recently established and will be awarded beginning with the 1995 fall semester.

To be considered to receive the \$300 per semester award, various eligibility requirements must be met and include the following: (1) the recipient's family must hold a Farm Bureau membership

in his/her resident county; (2) the recipient must have graduated from a high school in the ECCC district or hold residence in a county of same district; (3) the recipient must have an American College Test (ACT) composite score of 14 or better; (4) the recipient must have an overall "C" average of greater on all high school work attempted; (5) the recipient must not have a record of discipline problems; (6) the recipient

must be from a household with combined family adjusted gross income of \$20,000 to \$30,000 as reported to the Internal Revenue Service; (7) the recipient must submit a completed scholarship application form to the Dean of Students Office at ECCC; and (8) the recipient must have made application to ECCC to be enrolled as a full-time student pursuing an academic, technical or vocational program of study.

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The applicant selected for the Farm Bureau/ECCC Scholarship Program will be chosen by the College's District Scholarship Committee.

Recipients will receive a \$300 per semester scholarship which can be applied toward tuition, fees, textbooks or supplies needed for a particular program. The student must maintain full-time status, a 2.0 or better grade point average, and be free of disciplinary

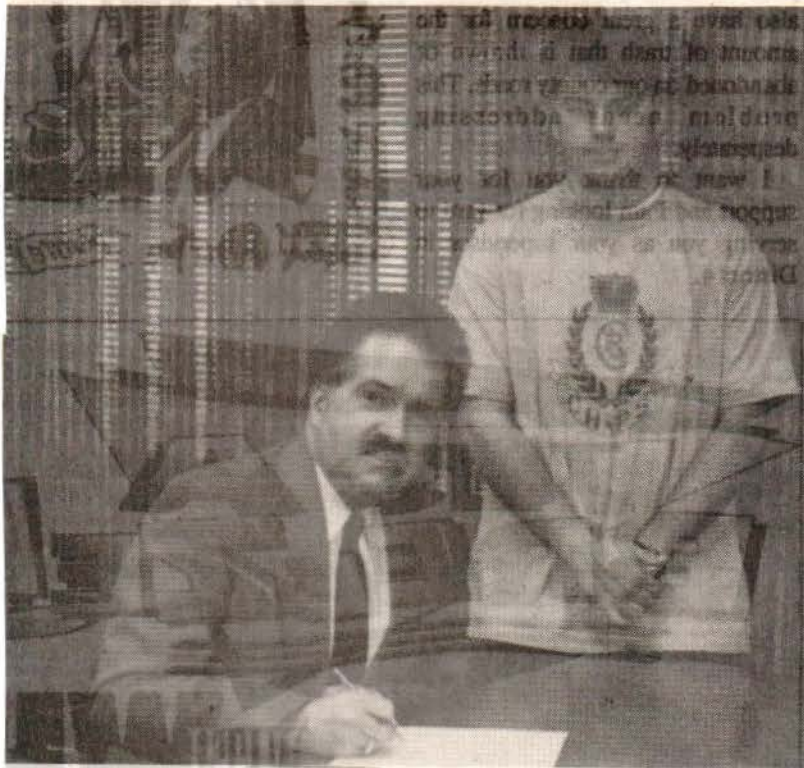
action to be re-awarded for the following semester. The scholarship can be retained for a total of two years (four semesters) for a maximum award of \$1200. These scholarships are not available during summer months.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss., 39327; Telephone: 635-2111, ext. 205.

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ECCC COMMITS TO PTK PROJECT - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College, is shown signing an agreement designating the College's participation in a national service project with Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Also participating in signing ceremonies is ECCC sophomore Jon Sharp of Newton who was selected president of the College's Theta XI Chapter for the 1995-96 term. Sharp, an engineering major, is a graduate of Newton High School. Participation in the project includes involvement in various community activities, including such events as mental health awareness week and other service areas. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as PTK advisors on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

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Faculty Staff

ECCC Names New Personnel

The employment of several new personnel was among items approved by the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at its June meeting on the Decatur campus.

New staff members for the 1995-96 year include Mrs. Wanda E. Moore of Philadelphia, economics/business administration instructor; Mrs. Kasandra K. Reynolds of Rose Hill, medical-surgical instructor for the College's associate degree nursing program; John Robert May of Grenada, assistant to the band director; Jarrod Ravencraft of Raymond, assistant to the director of public information; Mrs. Cynthia Lanette Hanna of Itta Bena, recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director; and Wayne L. Daily of Bailey, metal trades instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of ECCC. The Board earlier approved the employment of Mrs. Melinda Smith of Jacksonville, FL as English instructor.

In other matters relating to personnel, the Board approved the resignations of Ms. Tony Gager, licensed practical nursing instructor and Mrs. Nancy W. Melton, allied health instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center. The Board also approved the release of position opening announcements for the two vacant positions and gave approval to extend the search for a director of technology management.

In other matters, the Board adopted a resolution honoring

faculty member Ovid S. Vickers on his retirement as English instructor and Chairperson of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts. The College's Fine Arts Center was named in his honor during program activities held in May. Although retired from full-time services, Mr. Vickers will continue to teach on a part-time basis.

Trustees also received reports pertaining to a variety of topics, including information concerning the status of the College's carpentry and cabinetmaking program, establishment of the new Tech Prep Career Center to be located in the Student Services Building, an update of the College's Tech Prep Program; and plans for the 1995 Elderhostel Program which is scheduled October 8-14 at Lake Tiak O'Khata near Louisville.

In addition, reports were presented regarding state-funded vocational-technical equipment purchases during 1994-95, the search for a director of technology management.

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Board members also gave approval of the membership and officers of the ECCC District Workforce Development Council for 1995-96, the Work-Based Learning Program Agreement

for 1995-96, the Work-Based Learning Program Agreement for 1995-96, the addition of Phi Theta Kappa Honors course I and II in the College curriculum, and a revision in admissions requirements for licensed practical nursing.

In the area of budget and finance, the Board gave approval for the President and Business Manager to select the lowest and best bid for the following 1995-96 items:

- Printing of the yearbook, *The Wo-He-Lo*;
- School pictures;
- Athletic insurance;
- Printing of the student newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*;
- Printing of the athletic program;
- Printing of the alumni magazine, *The Warrior*;
- Printing of the college catalog (1996-98);
- Petroleum products for the college;
- Furnishing for the new Tech Prep Career Center;
- Athletic supplies for the football program; and various other

items.

Trustees were also advised that groundbreaking ceremonies for the Allied Health/Childcare Facility will be held later this summer. The new complex will be constructed in an area which previously served as the band practice field. The new band practice field is located next to the baseball stadium.

A report pertaining to student enrollment was also presented to trustees. It was announced that record 227 students attended the summer's first orientation session held on June 17. Additional sessions are scheduled for July 6, July 20 and August 12.

The Board of Trustees will not meet in July due to the Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees Association Conference scheduled in Biloxi July 21-22. Trustees will meet again at ECCC at August 15 when special luncheon guests will be members of the Leakey County Board of Supervisors and other public officials.

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ECCC ribbon cutting

Joined by state and local officials, East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center during ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus. Also participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left) Bob Beckley, plant manager at ESCO Corporation in Newton and Chairman of the ECCC District Workforce Development Council; Karl Brantley, president of U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia; V. C. Manning of Philadelphia, chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees; Earl Bryan, plant manager at La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Mrs. Carol Vickers, ABE/GED instructor and Workforce Development council member; Earl Marshall, Career Center Team Leader; Dr. Olon Ray, executive director of the Miss. State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. The Career Center is located adjacent to the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Purpose of the facility is to provide businesses and industry the education, training, placement, assessment and consultation to improve the quality of the workforce in ECCC's five-county district. For more information contact Mr. Marshall, Ph 635-2111, ext. 299. (EC Photo)

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ATTENDED NATIONAL CONVENTION - Front Row: Carleen Gilmore, Marie Hinson; Back Row - Alice Pouncey, Myerl Langford, Sandra Amis and Lillian Horton. (Kappa Kappa Iota Photo)

Attend KKI Convention

Carleen Gilmore, Marie Hinson, Alice Pouncey, Myerl Langford, Sandra Amis, and Lillian Horton of Upsilon Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota attended the 1995 National Annual Convention of Kappa Kappa Iota, sorority for educators, held at the Broadwater Beach Resort Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, June 21 - 25, 1995. Kappa Kappa Iota, the oldest sorority for educators in the United States, was founded in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1921. National President Eudora Kemp of Booneville, Mississippi, presided during the convention. More than 400 members and guests, representing 23 states, attended.

More than 8,800 members nationwide have contributed throughout the year to an ongoing philanthropic project, battered adults and children. Members donate to the Kempe National Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect in Denver, Colorado, and to local and state agencies serving battered adults and children.

In addition to the business

Mr. Ovid Vickers, recently retired instructor from East Central Community College, was the guest speaker for a workshop on Southern Folklore. The convention activities culminated in the installation of the 1995-96 national officers.

During the convention, Marie Hinson, 1994-95 State President, participated in a beautiful ceremony in which all state presidents presented their state flag. Carleen Gilmore served as chairman for the Kappa Kids activities. Sandra Amis, Alice Pouncey, Myerl Langford, and Lillian Horton worked with a number of committees in organizing convention activities.

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Visitors to ECCC

The above area guardsmen were special guests of East Central Community College during workshop activities recently held on the Decatur campus. Information about various ECCC services and programs was provided at the one-day session which was arranged through the Office of Adult and Continuing Education. Participants included (seated from left) Billy J. Alford, CO A, 150 Th ENGR BN, Carthage; SSG Roland Jay, BTRY B 1-204th, ADA, Forest; SGT Christopher R. Wharton, 367th Maint. Co., Philadelphia; and (standing from left) SFC Buck McDonald, HHB (-) 1st BN 204th ADA, Newton; SCT Iven Skinner, 186 ARG-DPEH, Meridian; and SCF Travis Robertson, HHD 298th Maint. BN Philadelphia. Also attending but not pictured is MSG Jimmy Jones, HHB (-), 1st 204th ADA, Newton.

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Alumni / Scholarships / Homecoming



Planning ECCC Homecoming... Members of the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors recently held their spring semester meeting on the Decatur campus, with plans for the 1995 Homecoming celebration among major items of discussion. Special groups scheduled to be honored on October 7 include all classes ending in "5", the 1954-55 men's basketball team which won several area tournaments, the Region 7 (MS-TN-ARK) Championship and finished fourth in the NJCAA Tournament en route to a 34-4 record; and the KALJYCK PEERS Leadership Group. The theme of this year's Homecoming is "Warrior Pride in '95." Making plans for the annual observance are, seated from left, Mrs. Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, past Association

president; Mrs. Sandra Amis of Conehatta, Newton County representative; Mrs. Kay Lucas of Newton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ann Burkes, head librarian and Homecoming co-chairman; and Mrs. Michele Ergle, faculty representative. Standing from left are Dr. P. Sutphin, ECCC Dean of Instruction and Homecoming chairman; Mike Hurst of Hickory, SBA president; Ed Eichelberger of Forest County representative; Dan Harrison of Newton, Association vice president; David Howell of Carthage, Association president; Speedy Calvert of Louisville, Winston County representative; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. Not pictured are Patricia Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative, and James Vance of Meridian and Earl Marshall of Clinton, who serve as out-of-district representatives.

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ECCC VO-TECH ADVISORY COUNCIL - Above are members of the East Central Community College Vocational-Technical Advisory Council who recently held their annual meeting on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Maudean Sanders of Union, ECCC Tech Prep Coordinator; Kathy Issac of Philadelphia, JTPA counselor, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Lynn Wagner of Newton, vocational director, Newton Municipal Schools; Lynda Lewis of Philadelphia, director, Department of Human Services; Linda Robinson of Forest, security specialist, Hughes Aircraft; and Jewell Walker of Philadelphia, JTPA counselor, Mississippi Employment service. Standing from left are Jimmy Dempsey, ECCC vo-tech counselor; Robert Murphy of Philadelphia, director, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center; Don Avara of Louisville, retired industry executive, Taylor Machine Works in Louisville; John Adcock, ECCC Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction; Jerry Webb of Louisville, director, Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center; Danny Simoneau of Newton, Dimension Plant Manager, La-Z-Boy South in Newton; and Ed Eichelberger of Forest, director, Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center. Among items of discussion during the one-day meeting included information about the College's academic, technical and vocational programs of study, work-based learning, industrial training and Tech Prep. (EC Photo)

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Neshoba Officials Visit ECCC... Recent visitors on the East Central Community College campus were various public officials from Neshoba County who were special luncheon guests of the College's Board of Trustees during the group's June meeting. Pictured are (seated from left) supervisors James Young, District 5; Mike Tingle, District 4; Cecil Stewart, District 2; Kenneth Thomp-

son, District 1; Harold Reynolds, District 3; and trustee Mrs. River Breazeale of Philadelphia. Standing from left are trustees Eds Cliburn of Union and Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia; County Administrator Benji Coats; Board of Trustees Chairman V.C. Manning and trustee J.C. Williamson, both of Philadelphia; and Chancery Clerk Larry McMillian.

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Hanna Joins ECCC Staff



Lanette Hanna

Winston County native Lanette Hanna has been selected Recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director for East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

In this new position, Hanna will recruit for the College, traveling to area high schools and throughout the College's five-county district, which includes Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Winston counties. She

will also oversee coordination of the College's new Tech Prep Career Center.

"The Tech Prep Career Center will be set up with interest tests, books, manuals and other materials to help students choose a career, best suited for them," Hanna said.

Hanna, a former resident of Itta Bena, previously served as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of Marketing for Viking Range Corporation in Greenwood. She served in the position for seven years.

Hanna, who began her duties on July 10, said "I love working at East Central. It's great to be back home."

An honor graduate of Nanih Waiya High School and East Central Junior College, Hanna continued her education at Mississippi State University where she received a bachelor's degree in banking and finance.

She is married to Rusty Hanna of Union. They have a son, Andrew, 3. She is the daughter of Nelda and the late Roy Goodin of Louisville. The family plans to reside in Newton County.

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Ovid Vickers

Ovid Vickers will present the December Second Sunday session on December 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the Forest Community Center, located at the intersection of Highways 35 and 80 in Forest.

For nearly forty years, Vickers has been a member of the faculty at East Central Community College, but his interests and literary activities go far beyond the classroom. He is a published poet, columnist for The Scott County Times, a public speaker, a folklorist, and, until his retirement, a classroom teacher. His poetry and articles have been published in numerous magazines and literary journals, and he has been twice honored by the Mississippi Press Association for having the best column in Mississippi weekly newspapers.

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Reynolds Joins Faculty



Kasandra Reynolds

Clarke County native Kasandra Reynolds has been named medical-surgical instructor for the associate degree nursing program at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Reynolds previously served on the faculty at Meridian Community College for 15 years in various positions and the Matty Hersee School of Nursing in Meridian. She also has experience as a staff and charge nurse in the intensive care unit and as patient care coordinator at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian and as a staff nurse in the progressive coronary unit at Riley Hospital in Meridian.

Reynolds, who began her duties on August 1, said "I am excited and enthusiastic about joining the dynamic faculty and staff here at East Central. I am pleased to be a part of the team in a program that I

expect to be quite powerful and positive for the community it serves."

A graduate of Enterprise High School, Reynolds received an associate degree in nursing with highest honors at Meridian Junior College, a bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi and a master of science degree in medical-surgical nursing and teaching at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is certified in clinical hypnotherapy through the American College of Biofeedback and Eurotherapy in Santa Cruz, Calif., and has done posts graduate study at Mississippi State University, University of the South, The Esalen Institute, London Intercollegiate Theatre Experience, European Travel-Study Program and Saint Charles College.

"My passion for enhancing the quality of life and level of wellness has taken me in many directions. I have studied, networked, shared with and learned from professionals all over the world," she said. "My primary commitment now is to my students and work here locally."

She has received many honors including being named to Who's Who in American Nursing, 1990-91, and Who's Who in American Education, 1994-95. In college she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity. She is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Meridian.

She is married to Anse Harold Reynolds and they reside in Rose Hill. They have two children, John Reynolds of Hattiesburg and Kristy Reynolds of Rose Hill. She is the daughter of Mary Hellen Askew of Enterprise.

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Ravencraft Joins Staff



Jarrod Ravencraft

Jarrod Ravencraft, a native of Liberty, has been named Assistant to the Director of Public Information at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

In this new position, Ravencraft will provide assistance with media news releases, publications, photography, film processing, video production, and radio, print, and televi-

sion advertisements for the college. He will also assist with the production of the alumni magazine, The Warrior, College yearbook, Wo-He-Lo; student newspaper, Tom-Tom; and Athletic Program.

Ravencraft, a former resident of Raymond, who began employment on July 17, said "I look forward to new experiences at East Central and enhancing my knowledge in the public relations field. I am very excited to be in this position and to still be a part of the outstanding Mississippi Community and Junior College System."

The Public Information Office serves to promote the College which has a five-county district, including Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Winston Counties. The college has a campus in Decatur and the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center in Philadelphia.

Before joining the East Central staff, Ravencraft served for three years as Administrative Assistant for Institutional Advancement at Hinds Community College. His duties included working in the areas of

public relations, recruitment, alumni services, the Development Foundation, special events, and working on the development team and serving as system manager for the College's 1-800-HINDS CC student information line.

"Education is such an important factor in the lives of young people today, and it played a big part in leading me here to East Central," Ravencraft said. "I chose a career in

the education setting, and I am proud to now become a part of the quality educational system at East Central."

A graduate of Amite School Center in Liberty, Ravencraft received the associate of arts degree from Hinds and the bachelor of science degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and emphasis in public relations and a minor in marketing from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is currently working on a master of science degree in communications at Mississippi College.

Ravencraft is the son of Charles and Gwen Ravencraft of Liberty. He plans to reside in Decatur.

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Moore Joins ECCC Faculty



Wanda Moore

Newton County native Wanda Ezell Moore has been named economics/business administration instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Moore previously taught marketing at Philadelphia High School. She is also a former full-time substitute teacher at Decatur Elementary School and graduate assistant in the Marketing Department at Mississippi State University. She has also worked as a sales and service representative for Southeastern Medical Supply, Inc., in Ridgeland.

Moore, a former resident of Decatur who began her duties on August 1, said "working at East Central is like coming home. It's a real comfortable feeling."

A graduate of Decatur High School, Moore received an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College before continuing her education at Mississippi State University. At MSU, she received a bachelor of arts degree in marketing and a master's degree in business administration. She is currently seeking additional graduate course work

in business administration at the MSU Meridian campus.

She is married to Gary Moore and they have a son, Garrett, 4. The family resides in Philadelphia.

Vance EC Tennis Coach



Natalie Vance

Natalie Vance of Decatur has been named women's tennis coach at East Central Community College in Decatur announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Vance previously coached men's and women's tennis at Newton County High School. She has also coached women's basketball, women's track and women's volleyball for the Plano Independent School District in Texas.

Vance, a native of Natchez, said "I look forward to putting together a quality team and to the challenge of starting the women's program back at East Central. It will be an asset to the College."

A graduate of South Natchez High School, Vance received an associate of arts degree from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College before continuing her education at Mississippi State University. At MSU, she received a bachelor's degree in physical education. She also has a master's degree in secondary education from North Texas University.

She is married to Mickey Vance of Newton, who serves as Business Manager for the college. They have two children, Jordan, 5, and Savannah, 2.

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Work-Based Learning Offers Pathway to Success at ECCC

Among the first companies to participate in the new Work-Based Learning Program offered at East Central Community College is U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia where four students were initially placed in the school-to-work initiative. These students include (first row, from left) Yancy Martin of Carthage, Todd Adkins of Union, Gary Akins of Philadelphia and Alan Spears of Union. Their instructors are (second row, from left) Richard Clark, machine shop technology; Ricky Harrison, drafting and design technology; and Mrs. Mary Everett, electrical technology. Also shown is Roger Whitlock who serves as program coordinator. In back are plant officials (from left) Robert Ezelle and Billy Quinn, supervisors; Karl Brantley, president; and Tommy Fulton, personnel manager.

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May and Smith Join EC Faculty



Melinda Smith

Newton County native Melinda Bullard Smith has been named English instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Smith previously taught English at Enterprise High School, Newton County Academy and Manor High School in Portsmouth, VA. She is a former adjunct faculty member at the University of North Florida and Florida Community College, both in Jacksonville, FL. She is also a former graduate teaching assistant in the English Department

at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Smith, who began her duties on August 10, said "I am very excited about this position at East Central Community College. It is a goal toward which I have worked for a long time. I am very pleased to be here and to be back home in Mississippi."

A graduate of Leake Academy, Smith received an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College before continuing her education at the University of Southern Mississippi. At USM, she received a bachelor of science and a master of science degree in English.

She is married to Michael Smith of Union, and they plan to reside in Union when he returns from his duties with the Navy in Florida. She is the daughter of Buster Bullard and the late Bonnie Bullard of Union.

John May, a native of Grenada, has been named Assistant to the Band Director at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

In this new position, May will provide assistance with the College's Warrior Marching Band, working closely with the drum line, Concert Band; Jazz Band; Round Midnite and the Collegians. He will also be teaching applied lessons in percussion.

Before joining the East Central Staff, May served as Director of Bands and music instructor at Clarksville High School in Texas. He also has teaching experience



John May

as a graduate assistant in percussion at Delta State University, and he has instructed percussion sections for Washington High School in Greenville, Corinth High School, Crystal Springs High School and Grenada High School.

A graduate of Grenada High School, May received a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in music education with an emphasis in percussion from Delta State University. At DSU, he served for five years as the marching band's drum captain and drum section leader, receiving many honors.

May is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. May of Grenada and the grandson of Hazel May of Ackerman. He plans to reside in Decatur.

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Learning About College Life

Among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur were (from left) Jason Alford and Carla Clark, both of Philadelphia; Dee Richardson of Enterprise; Johnna Foster of Philadelphia; and Robin Burkes of Clarkdale who are shown enjoying ice cream sundaes served by Annette Tanksley, College cafeteria service worker, during a complimentary lunch for students and parents in Mabry Cafeteria. During orientation, students register for fall semester classes, reserve dormitory space and learn about the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Fall classes begin August 23. The last day to register for day or evening classes is Friday, Sept. 1. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions, Records, and Research, ECCC, Decatur, Miss., (601) 635-2111. (EC Photo)

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Snap-On Presents Gift to ECCC National VICA Winner

Randy Germany (third from left) of Union was presented with a tool box by Snap-on, Inc., for placing second in the Collision Repair Technology Contest at the 29th Annual Skills USA Championships (formerly United States Skills Olympics) held in Kansas City, MO. Jerry Pearson (second from left), Snap-on educational specialist for Mississippi from the Brandon office, made the presentation. Germany, a 1995 honor graduate of East Central Community College, advanced to the national competition after winning first place honors in the State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Contest held earlier this year in Laurel. Germany also won the State competition in 1994. He was recently employed as a collision repair technician by Herrin-Gear Chevrolet in Jackson. Shown admiring his gift are (from left) John Adcock, ECCC director of vocational-technical instruction; Pearson; Germany; Conrad Germany, ECCC auto body and fender repair technology instructor, who is also the outstanding student's father; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

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ECCC WORKFORCE COUNCIL - Members of the East Central Community College District Workforce Development Council recently met on the Decatur campus and received an update on the variety of services offered by the College at area businesses and industries. Seated from left are Mrs. Carol Vickers, ECCC adult literacy instructor; Bob Beckley, plant manager at ESCO Corporation in Newton and Council Chairman; Lester Dalme, president/CEO of Chata Enterprises in Philadelphia; Linda Shepard, executive director, Leake County Chamber of Commerce in Carthage; Bob Brooks, plant manager, TRW Vehicle Safety Systems Division in Louisville and Council vice chair; and Rodis Shealy, director of manufacturing engineering, Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. Standing from left are Van Bowman, director of operations, Choctaw Maid Farms Inc., Carthage; David Evans, U.S. Electrical Motors, Philadelphia; Ed Schneider, center for Quality and Productivity, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Greg Duncan, Miss. Employment Security Commission; Roland Simmons, International Paper Company, Morton; and Fred Turney, human resource consultant, Weyerhaeuser Company, Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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New Faculty at ECCC



Katharine Buckman



Dorothy Rowzee



David Case

Buckman previously served as an allied health and nurse assistant instructor at Jasper County Career Development Center in Heidelberg. She is also a former staff nurse at Jasper General Home Health and registered nurse at Jasper General Hospital, both in Bay Springs.

Buckman, who began her duties on August 14, said "I am real excited to be teaching adult students. It is a whole new experience for me. I am also looking forward to working for East Central; I have found the people to be extremely friendly."

A graduate of Germantown High School in Tennessee, Buckman attended the University of Mississippi and Jones County Junior College before continuing her education at Meridian Community College. At MCC, she received an associate degree in nursing.

David Case, a native of Brookhaven, has been named Director for Technology Management at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

In this new position, Case will serve as the support specialist for the College's technology-based information systems, coordinating all aspects of the College's data, voice, video and other information systems. His duties and responsibilities include designing, implementing and managing a Local Area Network (LAN) and linkage with the state's proposed Wide Area Network (WAN) and INTERNET, enhancing information management, coordinating short-and long-range technology plans; providing on going planning for enhanced utilization of technology in instruction and coordinating technology instruction for administration, faculty and staff.

Case, who began employment on August 16, said "East Central is a widely respected and growing institution with a vision for service into the next century. I am excited about the opportunity to play a role in such a positive situation and to assist in integrating emerging technologies into the campus environment and this area of the state."

Before joining the East Central staff, Case served as assistant professor in technology education at the University of West Alabama in Livingston. He is also a former graduate instructor at the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration in Tuscaloosa and Millsaps College School of Management in Jackson. He has also served as assistant vice president for Trustmart National Bank/Unifirst Bank in Jackson.

A graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Case received the bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Mississippi and the master of business administration degree from Millsaps College. He has also completed additional course work toward a doctorate degree in management science at the University of Alabama.

He is married to Paige Sullivan of Brookhaven and they reside in Meridian. They have two children: Karen Elizabeth, 3, and Catherine Lovorn, 1. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Case of Batesville.

Katharine K. Buckman, a native

She is married to Dewayne Buckman of Bay Springs, and they have two children, Ashley, 11, and Kelsey, 5. The family resides in Bay Springs. She is the daughter of Avis Kelsey and Richard Kelsey, both of Collierville.

Newton County native Dorothy Rowzee has been named allied health instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie Smith, college president.

Rowzee previously served as Associate Degree Nursing Program Director at Holmes Community College and as associate degree nursing instructor at Meridian Junior College and Holmes Junior College. She has also served as the Director of Quality Assurance at Charter Hospital in Jackson, served as the Director of Nurses in hospitals in Mississippi and Texas and held various positions in clinical practice at Baptist Hospital, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Hinds General Hospital and St. Dominic's Hospital, all in Jackson, and Laird Hospital in Union.

Rowzee, a former resident of Union who began her duties on August 1, said "I am very excited about this job. I came to Philadelphia to retire, but I always wanted to teach high school students, and when this job came up I canceled retirement and decided to go back to work."

Aa graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Rowzee received a diploma in nursing from the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Gilfoy School of Nursing in Jackson, attended East Central Junior College and received the bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She also received the master of science degree in nursing administration and the master of science degree in psychiatric nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi and has completed course work toward a doctorate of philosophy degree in health care administration at the University of Mississippi.

She has four children: Rocky, a chemist in Austin, Texas, who attended East Central College; Rex, a respiratory therapist in Vidalia, La.; Rita Morrow, a housewife in Amarillo, Texas; and Shela Chester,

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ECCC to break ground for new nursing building

East Central Community College in Decatur will hold groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care building on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

The building will be located on the old band practice field, across from Scott Hall.

The public is invited to attend these ceremonies.

■ Sebastopol Country Day will be held on Saturday.

Activities will include a parade, softball games, arts and crafts, entertainment and barbecue chicken plates.

For more information or to reserve a booth space, contact Maria at 625-8806 or Susan at 625-7800.

■ Decatur native Betsy Harris has signed a seven-month contract playing professional women's basketball with the Bredablik Basketball Club in Iceland.

Harris, who was an All-State player for Decatur High School and an outstanding player for the University of Alabama, will also coach younger teams for the league.

Harris is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Pat Harris of Decatur.

■ ECCC is planning its annual Homecoming Tennis tournament for Oct. 2-6.

All matches will be held



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during the evening hours at the college tennis courts. Categories include women's and men's singles and doubles plus a special division for athletes over the age of 35. Participants may enter only one category and must be either a current or former student of ECCC.

Entry fee is a new can of tennis balls which should be furnished prior to each match.

Winners will be recognized at the alumni luncheon during Homecoming festivities on Oct. 7. The luncheon will begin at noon.

For more information or to enter the tournament, call ECCC at 635-2111.

■ Tryouts for Newton Little Theatre's October production of "Love, Sex and the IRS" begin today at 7 p.m. at the Roxy Theater.

Tryouts will continue on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 683-6181, 683-3273 or 683-2380.

■ Friday is the last day to register for the child caregivers workshop to be held at the Home Extension Office in Decatur.

The workshop, sponsored by the East Central Community College Small Business Development Center and the Mississippi Home Extension Office, will be held on Sept. 11 and 21 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the conference room of the extension office.

To reserve a space, call 635-2268.

For more information, contact Ronnie Westbrook, director of the Small Business Center at ECCC, at 635-2111, ext. 297.

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Sept. 11 ... Child care givers training class starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Home Extension Conference Room.

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Smith Joins ECCC Staff

Newton County native **Melinda Bullard Smith** has been named English instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Smith previously taught English at Enterprise High School, Newton County Academy and Manor High School in Portsmouth, Virginia. She is former adjunct faculty member at the University of North Florida and Florida Community College, both in Jacksonville, Florida. She is a former graduate teaching assistant in the English Department at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Smith, who began her duties on August 10, said "I am very excited about this position at East Central Community College. It is a goal toward which I have worked for a long time. I am very pleased to be here and back home in Mississippi."

A graduate of Leake Academy, Smith received an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College before continuing her education at the University of Southern Mississippi. At USM, she received a bachelor of science and a master of science degree in English.

She is married to Michael Smith of Union, and they plan to reside in Union when he returns from his duties with the Navy in Florida. She is the daughter of Buster Bullard and the late Bonnie Bullard of Union.



Rowzee Joins Neshoba Vo-Tech Staff

Newton County native **Dorothy Rowzee** has been named allied health instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Rowzee previously served as Associate Degree Nursing Program Director at Holmes Community College and as associate degree nursing instructor at Meridian Junior College and Holmes Junior College. She has also served as the Director of Quality Assurance at Charter Hospital in Jackson, served as Director of Nurses in hospitals in Mississippi and Texas and held various positions in clinical practice at Baptist Hospital, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Hinds General Hospital and St. Dominic's Hospital, all of Jackson, and Laird Hospital in Union.

Rowzee, a former resident of Union who began her duties on August 1, said "I am very excited about this job. I came to Philadelphia to retire, but I always wanted to teach high school and when the job came up I canceled retirement and decided to go back to work."

A graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Rowzee received a diploma in nursing from the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Gilfoy School of Nursing in Jackson, attended East Central Junior College and received the bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

She has four children: Rocky, a chemist in Austin, Texas, who



Home folks: Community colleges advocated

Jarrold Ravencraft credits community colleges with getting him where he is today.

"If I had gone from high school straight to (the University of) Southern (Mississippi), I probably wouldn't have done as well as I have," Ravencraft, who serves as assistant to the Director of Public Information at East Central Community College in Decatur, said.

"I'm a big advocate of community colleges, and not just because I went to one and work at one," he said.

Before coming to ECCC, Ravencraft worked for three years as administrative assistant for Institutional Advancement at Hinds Community College.



Ravencraft

"Community colleges make the transition easier for small-town students," he said. "It's a series of steps. Community college is the step between the high school and the university."

Ravencraft, a native of Liberty, also graduated from USM. He is currently pursuing a mas-

Ravencraft, who attended HCC, said small-town students who go straight to a university after leaving high school often end up back at a community college after one semester.

ter of science in communications at Mississippi College.

"I wish I had stayed in school and gone straight through and got my master's degree," he said. "It's real important in this day and time to go as far in education as you can. You can't get a job without experience or education and you can't get experience without education."

Ravencraft said he likes to return home to see his parents when he has time. He also likes to exercise and read.

Ravencraft said he has become fascinated with the Choctaw Indians since he moved to Decatur. He said he has visited the reservation several times because he wants to learn more about the tribe.

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Of Personal Mention

Buckman Joins ECCC Staff

Katharine K. Buckman, a native of Collierville, Tenn., has been named practical nurse instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Buckman previously served as an allied health and nurse assistant instructor at Jasper County Career Development Center in Heidelberg. She is also a former staff nurse at Jasper General Home Health and registered nurse at Jasper General Hospital, both in Bay Springs.

Buckman, who began her duties on August 14, said "I am real excited to be teaching adult students. It is a whole new experience for me. I am also looking forward to working for East Central; I have found the people to be extremely friendly."



A graduate of Germantown High School in Tennessee, Buckman attended the University of Mississippi and Jones County Junior College before continuing her education at Meridian Community College. At MCC, she received an associate degree in nursing.

She is married to Dewayne Buckman of Bay Springs, and they have two children: Ashley, 11, and Kelsey, 5. The family resides in Bay Springs. She is the daughter of Avis Kelsey and Richard Kelsey of Collierville.

May Joins ECCC Staff

John May, a native of Grenada, has been named Assistant to the Band Director at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

In this new position, May will provide assistance with the College's Warrior Marching Band, working closely with the drum line; Concert Band; Jazz Band; 'Round Midnight and the Collegians. He will also be teaching applied lessons in percussion.

Before joining the East Central staff, May served as Director of Bands and music instructor at Clarksville High School in Texas. He also has teaching experience as a graduate assistant in percussion at Delta State University, and he has instructed percussion sections for Washington High School in Greenville, Corinth High School, Crystal Springs High School and Grenada High School.



May said "I am excited and elated about working at East Central Community College and being back in Mississippi."

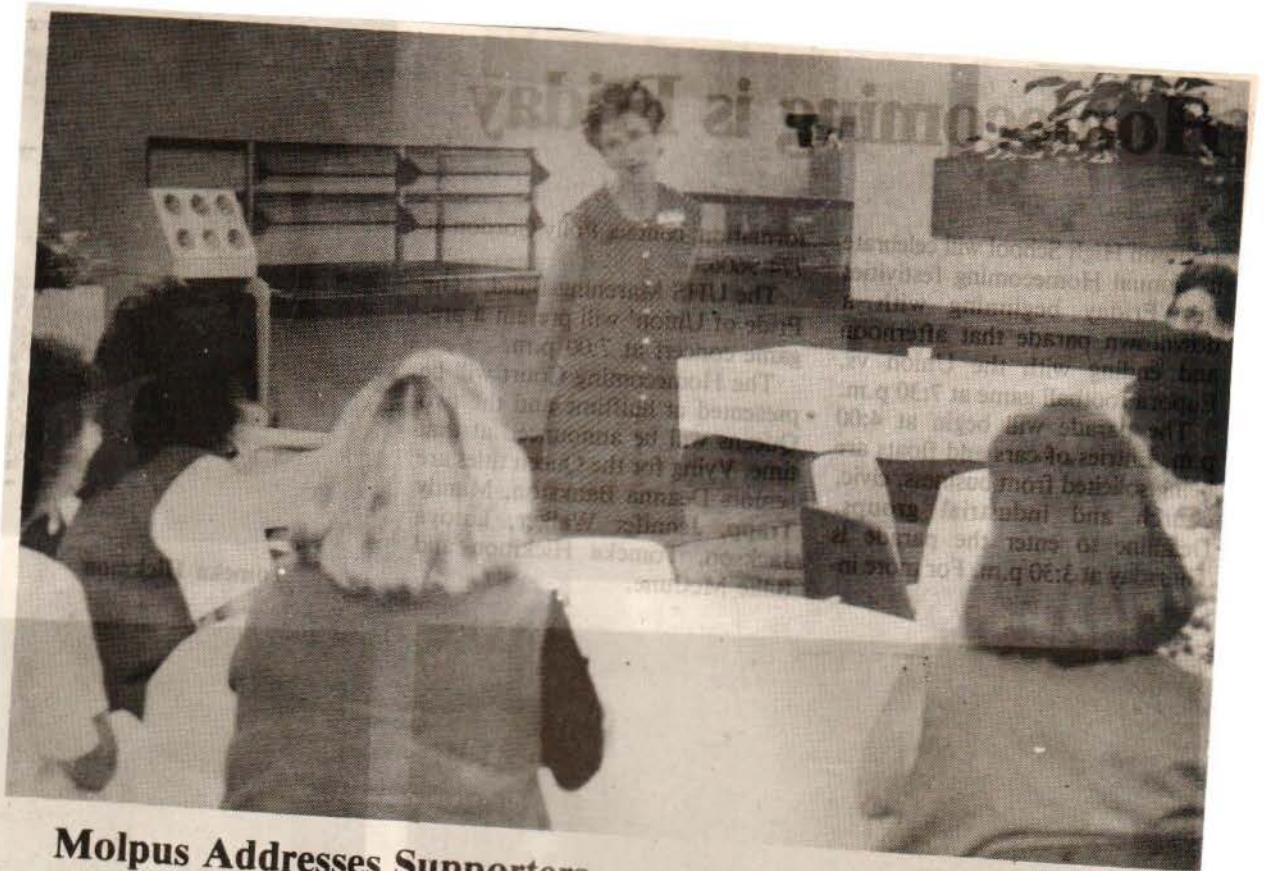
A graduate of Grenada High School, May received a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in music education with an emphasis in percussion from Delta State University. At DSU, he served for five years as the marching band's drum captain and drum section leader, receiving many honors.

May is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. May of Grenada and the grandson of Hazel May of Ackerman. He plans to reside in Decatur.

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Molpus Addresses Supporters... Mrs. Sally Molpus, wife of gubernatorial candidate Dick Molpus, recently spoke to a "Women for Molpus" group in the Gold Room at East Central Community College. Mrs. Molpus made a campaign tour through east central Mississippi speaking on behalf of her husband's candidacy for governor.

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Leake officials visit EC

Recent visitors on the East Central Community College campus were the above Leake County officials who were special luncheon guests of the College's Board of Trustees during the group's August meeting. Seated from left are District 4 Supervisor Thomas Crane, County Attorney Jeff Webb, District 5 Supervisor James C. Arthur and County

Administrator Freddie Terrell. Pictured with campus visitors are ECCC trustees from Leake County who include (standing from left) Jerry K. Moore, Board vice chairman; Joe Edd Kea, County Superintendent of Education; Janie Wilbanks and Cline Watkins. Not shown are trustees Dale Rogers and Silas O'Neal.

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Alumna of the Year

serves as supervisor to 18 employees and is administrator of contracted programs including funding for multi-million dollar projects through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She is also responsible for administering various grant programs under Health and Human Services and the Office of Victims of Crimes.

Prior to being named social services director, Sharp was Director of the Child Advocacy Program, a position she held from 1979 until she began her current duties in 1985. The child advocacy program was established for the protection of abused and neglected children on the Choctaw reservation. As director, she was responsible for passage of a resolution by the Choctaw Tribal Council which called for adoptions of Indian children to be handled in Tribal Court.

She was also the caseworker who led successful efforts all the way to the United States Supreme Court to reaffirm the rights of Indian tribes nationwide to have a major role in the adoption placement of Indian children.

Her honors include selection on the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Team which was formed to rewrite policies that would affect general assistance, child welfare, adult institutional care and miscellaneous services. The task force consisted of four women representing various tribal affiliations throughout the United States who were employed by federally recognized tribes. She was recently chosen to join the Indian Child Welfare Task Force, which meets on a regular basis in Washington, D.C.

She also holds membership in the National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter of Social Workers and Indian Child Welfare Reform Committee. Locally, she is a member of the Laird Hospital Home Health Advisory Committee and serves as Training Field Coordinator for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. In addition, she is a member of Rocky Hill Church of God in Sebastopol where she serves as song leader.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, she holds an associate of



Sharp

arts degree from ECCC, a bachelor of arts degree in social work/sociology from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is presently working toward a doctoral degree in psychology through private studies with the University of Southern California.

She and her husband, Travis, reside in Sebastopol where he is a barber and operates his own shop.

Wanda Comans Sharp named ECCC

Recognition of alumni of the year, outstanding instructors and the induction of new members of the Athletic Hall of Fame will highlight Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 7 on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur.

Honorees include Dr. John H. Gipson of Newton, Alumnus of the Year; Wanda Comans Sharp of Sebastopol, Alumna of the Year; Al

Deaton of Decatur, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Sarah A. Griffin of the Hero community, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Clayton Blount of Decatur, Nan Huston Keenan of Rose Hill and James T. Wood of Louisville.

Sharp (Class of 1971) serves as Director of Choctaw Social Services in Philadelphia, a position she has

held since 1985. The program is responsible for general assistance, adult institutional care, group home care of handicapped children, foster care placement, and emergency housing and protective services. Assistance is also provided concerning adoption, family violence, disaster relief and other areas.

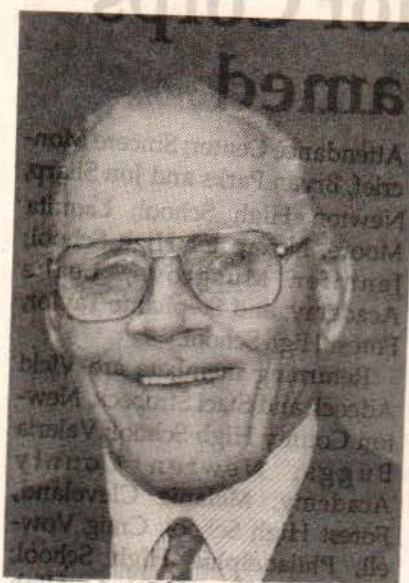
In her work with the Mississippi Bank of Choctaw Indians, Sharp

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■ EC Honorees



Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur Campus.

Wood continued his athletic career on a football scholarship to the University of Idaho. He stayed for one term and returned to East Central serving as the football team trainer.

He then left East Central on a football scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi. After only three months, he became involved in the Korean War Conflict and enlisted in the Air Force in Hattiesburg.

Athletics continued to be a part of his life in the Air Force. While in the service, he coached and participated

in softball, basketball and touch football on the squadron level.

Wood retired in 1974 with 26 years service to the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel and returned home to Louisville. A bout with throat cancer in 1975 and reactions to radiation treatments caused Wood's larynx to deteriorate. This resulted in a laryngectomy for Wood in 1985. He uses a speech aid today, but refuses to let this limit his abilities to do anything he wants.

Wood took a job with Firestone (now TRW) in Louisville in 1981 as a technical service representative. He retired again in 1989 with eight years of service. Today, he continually supports East Central. He is a lifetime member of the ECCC Alumni

Association and an annual contributor to the Warrior Club, which supports ECCC athletics. He attends many sporting events and donated golf balls to the golf team last year. He also traveled many years with the Lady Warrior Basketball team when his sister, Lucille Wood, served as head coach.

He is married to Ann Willis of Alexander City, Ala. They have two sons; James, Jr., who is married to Rene Dornbush and an Army major-elect stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Melbourne, Fla., and Scott, who works for Polo/Ralph Lauren in San Francisco, Calif.

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ECCC names ABE/GED instructors

Serving as Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) instructors for East Central Community College in Decatur during the 1995- 96 term are (seated from left) Rene Wood, Philadelphia; Kay Ward and Yvonne Dulce, both of Louisville; Cindy Butler, Philadelphia; Carol Vickers, Decatur; Martha Cleveland, Forest; Jackie Richardson, Union; (first row standing from left) Susan Beard, Carthage; Barbara Booker, Philadelphia; Peggy Snow, Louisville; Linda Lofton, Newton; Sandy Wedgeworth and Nancy Alexander, both of Union; Mary Wilson, Forest; Loistein Gill, Louisville; and (second row standing from left) Pat Cleveland, Forest; Gene Davis, ECCC director of adult and continuing education; Esco Hemphill and Edrice Whitley, both of Louisville; and Becky Branning and Sue Addy, both of Union. East Central offers free ABE/GED classes at various locations in Decatur, Newton, Philadelphia, Union, Carthage, Forest and Louisville. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, (601) 635-2111, ext. 279. (EC Photo)

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ECCC groundbreaking

Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Allied Health/Child Care Facility at East Central Community College in Decatur were (from left) sophomore Janell Ward of Forest, a child care development technology major and president of PASTE (Pre-School Association of Student Teacher Educators); Kathy George, lead instructor of the child care technology program; Chester Clark, assistant to the director of vocational-technical instruction; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president; V.C. Manning of Philadelphia, chairman of the College's board of trustees; Jerry K. Moore of Carthage, Board vice chairman; Sandra Amis of Conehatta, Board secretary; Nancy Harris, director of the associate degree nursing program; and Gloria Rigdon of Decatur, ADN student recently selected to the Mississippi Student Nurses Hall of Fame. The 1.6 million dollar structure will contain 21,165 square feet and will be built on the old band practice field, across the street from Scott Hall. It will house the associate degree nursing and child care technology programs, with a proposed second module scheduled for construction at a later date to include the College's licensed practical nursing and surgical technology programs, currently housed at separate campus locations. Construction for the Allied Health/Child Care Facility is funded through state board funds, with no indebtedness incurred by the College or to the five support counties. Completion of the project is scheduled for spring, 1996. (EC Photo)

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Time, communication prevent conflict

Methodists, School Board, ECCC hammer out solution to problem

It started out with all the earmarks of a conflict... one that would end in hard feelings, and one that would leave wounds that time would soothe, but not necessarily heal.

It ended differently. Given a little time, a willingness to solve the problem and a little communication, all three parties wound up with what they wanted, or more.

It was a happy ending for the Newton County School Board, the Decatur United Methodist Church and East Central Community College.

All three groups that are stellar contributors to their community and really have no business being at odds. They are all in the same boat, trying to make their community a better place.

On a time line it goes like this:

- Back in January, the Newton County School District realizes that it has surplus property on its hands now that the new high school is built.
- The congregation of the Methodist Church is landlocked at the rear of their property and are looking to have the means to expand.
- The two groups meet and come to a decision. The school board says it will get the property appraised and sell them the Vocational building.
- The appraisal gets done. Campus value about

\$200,000. The Vocational building is about \$40,000 of the total.

► East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie Smith, who is grappling with a growing enrollment year by year (a problem he is glad to have) offers to buy the whole campus for the appraised valuation of \$200,000. Dr. Smith says that the school will need all of the property in order to use any of it.

► Representatives of the church meet with the school board Monday night. "We met and acted in good faith," said Charles Boggan, "we thought we had an agreement and now we find that that is no longer the case. This is a window of opportunity for us to expand our church and its services to the community that won't happen again. We've done just what you asked us to, when you asked us to."

► The school board members were sympathetic, but had the School District to consider. "You know we need money to run this school system. If we sell a piece for \$40,000 and can't sell the rest, we haven't done our job which is to get what we can for these students."

"We have to look after the students and their interests and we owe it to them and the taxpayers to get what we can for this property," said board member Mike Harris.

► Boggan on several occasions makes a plea for delaying a decision. "If you'll table it for 30 days, so we can negotiate, I believe we can work this out." The school board doesn't agree to delay a decision; but, importantly, they complete their night's business without bringing the matter to a vote.

► Dr. Smith, who was not at Monday's meeting, said he didn't want any offer he made to be interpreted as an 'all-or-nothing' proposition. "Sure, that's (the Vocational building) one of the three buildings of value; and, we would have to do some reconsidering if we can't get it all. There aren't really any absolutes at this point."

He also added, "There's not any real rush. We're not trying to hurry them and they aren't trying to hurry us. I wouldn't rule out anything at this point."

► Tuesday morning there's a meeting. Representatives of all three groups sit down and hammer out an agreement. The Methodists get the Vocational property for about \$35-\$40,000. ECCC buys the rest of the campus which now includes the parenting center for \$192,950.

The school board will pocket \$226,000 instead of the original \$200,000.

► Everybody wins.



George Walker, left, Mississippi State Workforce Development Council co-chairman, presents U. S. Electrical Motors and East Central Community College with the Council's "Best Practices" award at the Council's meeting in Jackson. Accepting for U. S. Motors is plant manager Karl Brantley, center, and for East Central is President Eddie M. Smith.

'Best Practices' award presented to ECCC, U. S. Electrical Motors

The Mississippi State Workforce Development Council's "Best Practices" award was presented to East Central Community College in Decatur and U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia.

The award was presented by George Walker, co-chairman of the State Council.

With the award, the State Council recognizes community college/business partnerships that exhibit continued success and innovation. The presentation is part of the Council's monthly meetings.

U.S. Electrical Motors is a world leader in electric motors, gear and drive systems with sales in the United States, Central and South America and the United Kingdom. Domestic manufacturing plants are located in Philadelphia, Mea, Ark., and

Neshoba County," said Earl Marshall, ECCC Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center team leader.

"The plant has allowed people who have grown up here to stay in the area. Before USEM, there were very limited jobs unless your family owned a business."

Through the ECCC Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, U.S. Motors is receiving skills enhancement, which includes projects in problem solving, motivation, teamwork, communication, leading effective meetings and blueprint reading.

Through the Center, they are also receiving adult basic education/GED classes, work-based learning, which is an ongoing program, and industrial training, which includes classes in Microsoft computers, auto CAD, electricity, plumbing and welding.

The success of U. S. Motors in the past 33 years has paid "dividends" to the local economy. Ninety-eight percent of its 940 workers are from the Neshoba County area. In addition, the Philadelphia plant spends \$12 million in the state each year on manufacturing components.

In this true partnership, the company also gives back to the college. U. S. Motors provides a grant to an East Central student in the metal trades program at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center, a Division of ECCC, and recently donated a \$10,000 CNC lathe to the college.

U. S. Electrical Motors actively works for the economic development of the entire district and, in partnership with ECCC, is investing in a vision for tomorrow, Marshall said.

For more information, call Marshall, ECCC chairman.

Lawmaker hopefuls grilled at ECCC

By Lynnetta Cooksey

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Area state legislative candidates were questioned about their stands on education at a forum at East Central Community College Tuesday night.

The forum, sponsored by ECCC's administration, faculty and staff association, gave students, faculty and staff the opportunity to hear answers to questions they submitted beforehand.

All statewide and local legislative candidates were invited to attend the event or to send representatives. Many did not come, but those that did were given time to outline their platform and address key issues.

The highest turnout came from the local state representative and senate races. All of these candidates were asked the same two questions, both dealing with education.

The first question dealt with the midpoint proposal for community college teachers' pay. This proposal would raise these salaries to the midpoint between high school teachers' pay and university professors' pay.

The candidates were also asked to briefly address their views on education, and whether they would raise taxes to improve.

Sen. Terry Burton, who currently represents District 31, said he had supported the proposal before and would continue to support it in the future.

Burton said he would do whatever was necessary to fund education. He said he wanted to continue the gains they had made over the past four years. "I want to move more money into the classroom and away from the administration" he said.

His Republican opponent, George Smith, said he supported the proposal in principle, but that he was not familiar enough with it to make any promises.

Smith said he supported education.

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tion, but that the Legislature cannot continue to increase the budget in programs that are not working. He said he would not raise taxes to fund education, but would instead help schools get consistent funding.

Burton and Smith's independent opponent, Henry P. Clanton, did not participate in the forum. District 18, 19 and 32 candidates also did not attend.

In the House races, District 27 candidate Chuck "Pick" Berry said

he supported the midpoint theory because students must have qualified, competent instructors. He said he would strongly support education because every child in Mississippi should have a quality education.

Berry's opponent, Ferr Smith, did not attend the event.

District 78 incumbent Raymond Comans said he had supported the midpoint proposal from the start. "I don't want us to stop at the midpoint," he said. I want us to go higher."

Comans said he wanted to make community college instructors' pay equal to those of universi-

ty instructors. He said community college instructors have a tremendous impact on on students' first two years of college.

Comans' opponent, Kevin White of Hickory, said he supported not only raising community college instructors' pay, but also the pay of all state employees to make it competitive. White also said he would support education without raising taxes. "There is no doubt in a country where we have one and a quarter billion people, education must be a priority. District 87 candidate John Rame Walker said that as a former college professor, he would definitely support the raise in pay.

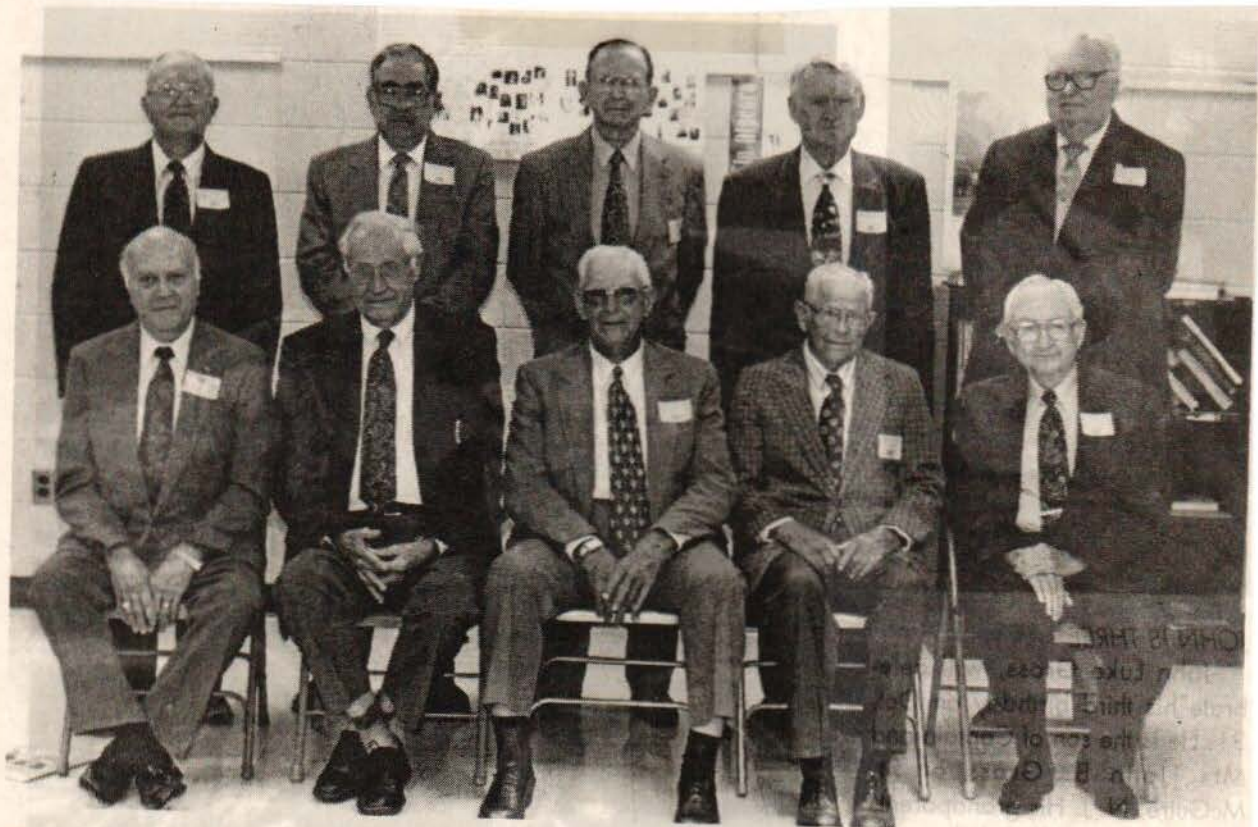
He said he would also support education in any way possible, but he did not want to raise taxes to do it.

Candidates in the district 43, 44, 45 and 75 races did not attend the forum. In the statewide races, secretary of state candidate Barbara Blanton, state auditor candidate Ryan Hood and transportation commissioner candidates all spoke on their platforms. State Auditor Steve Patterson and Transportation Commissioner Wayne Burkes sent representatives to speak on their behalf. None of these were allowed to answer questions because their opponents were not present.

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EC KALJYC PEERS reunite

These members of the East Central Community College KALJYC PEERS leadership organization were among special groups recognized during homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus. KALJYC PEERS was present on the college campus during the 1930s and 40s when the organization's creator and sponsor, Leon Eubanks, served as an English instructor. Seated from left are McClain Hatch

of Forest, Evans Williams of Carthage, Dwight Mulholland of Neshoba County, Faye Nester of Decatur and Ovis Hicks of Raymond. Standing from left are A. F. Hollingsworth of Lake, Wilson Taylor of Decatur, Eugene Culpepper of Forest, Arno Vincent of Meridian and Loutrelle Stribling of Carthage. Eubanks of Hattiesburg was unable to attend but sent a special video message to his former students.

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HURST ADDRESSES ECCC STUDENTS - Lucy Hurst (right), project engineer with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) in Newton, recently spoke to members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers", at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured are Jon Sharp (left) of Newton, president of AAE, and Dana G. Cleveland (center) of Newton, a former ECCC student and AAE president, who is currently an engineer in training with MDOT. Students eligible for membership in AAE must be majoring in engineering or a related field. Dr. Shelby Harris, ECCC Science and Mathematics Division chairman, serves as AAE advisor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC TECH PREP/WORK-BASED LEARNING OFFICERS at East Central Community College Tech Prep/Work-Based Learning Advisory Committee officers for 1995-96 include from left Maudean Sanders, ECCC Tech Prep coordinator; Chris Harris, director of human resources for La-Z-Boy in Newton, Committee co-chair; David Evans, director of training for U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia, Committee co-chair; and Roger Whitlock, ECCC Work-Based Learning coordinator. The Advisory Committee is composed of business and industry leaders, educational administrators and instructional personnel. The committee serves to communicate the needs, standards and priorities for producing a quality future workforce. Work-Based Learning is the "school to work" component of the Tech Prep Initiative. For more information call Whitlock, ECCC, Decatur, 601-635-2111, ext. 297.

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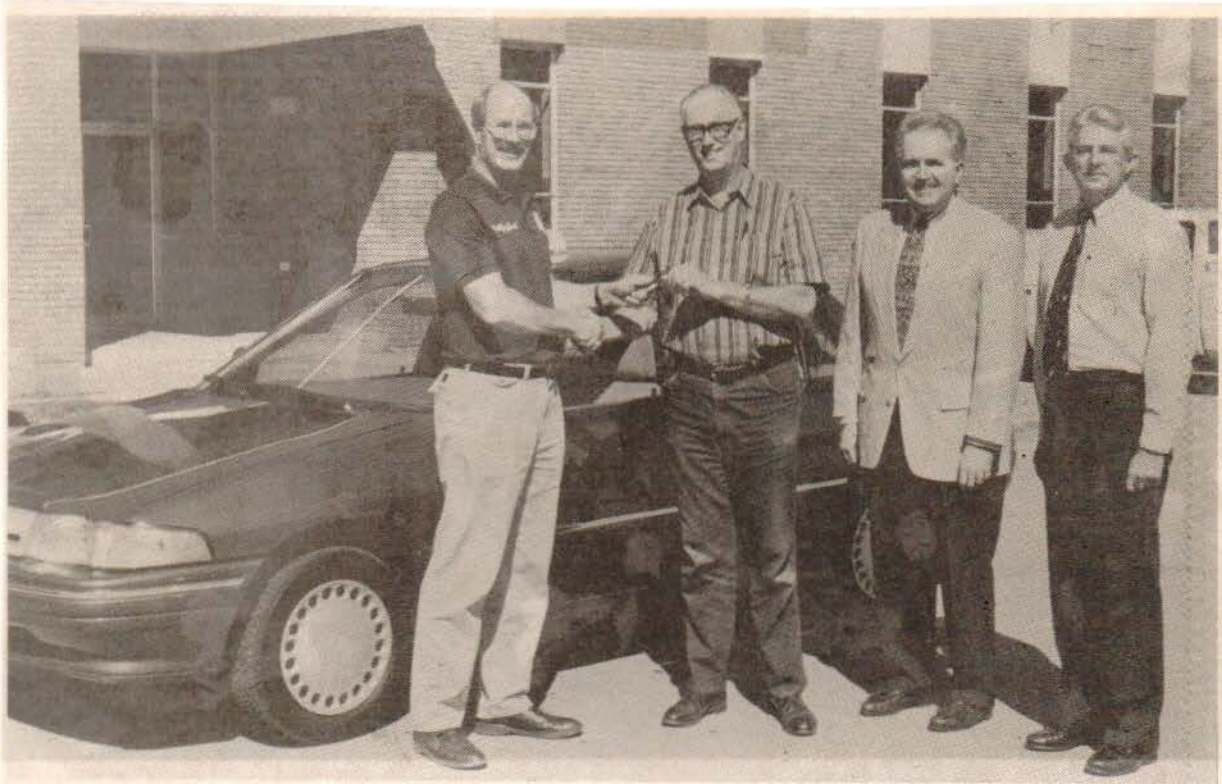


OUTSTANDING ECCC FACULTY MEMBERS - These faculty members representing East Central Community College in Decatur attended the Sixth Annual Lamplighter Conference held recently at Copiah Lincoln Community College in Wesson. The three-day event is held to recognize outstanding faculty members from each of the state's 15 community and junior colleges. Sponsored by the Mississippi Public Community and Junior College Academic Deans' Association, the conference is hosted each year by one of the colleges. Pictured are (seated from left) Nancy Harris of Philadelphia, director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program; Judy Sanders of Louisville, part-time history instructor; and (standing from left) Elizabeth Pitts of Union, business technology instructor; Roberta Holt of Little Rock, business administration and accounting instructor; Charles Hinson of Decatur, music instructor; and Gloria McRae of Carthage, mathematics instructor. (EC Photo)

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DONATES VEHICLE TO ECCC - Billy Jack Ethridge (left), president/general manager of Bill Ethridge Lincoln-Mercury-Isuzu, Inc. in Meridian is shown presenting keys to a 1995 Ford Tracer to Conrad Germany, automotive body technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur. The previously water-damaged vehicle was donated by Ford Motor Company through the Ethridge dealership, and will be used as a teaching aid in the auto body program. Also pictured during the presentation are Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president and John Adcock, district director of vocational-technical instruction. (EC Photo)

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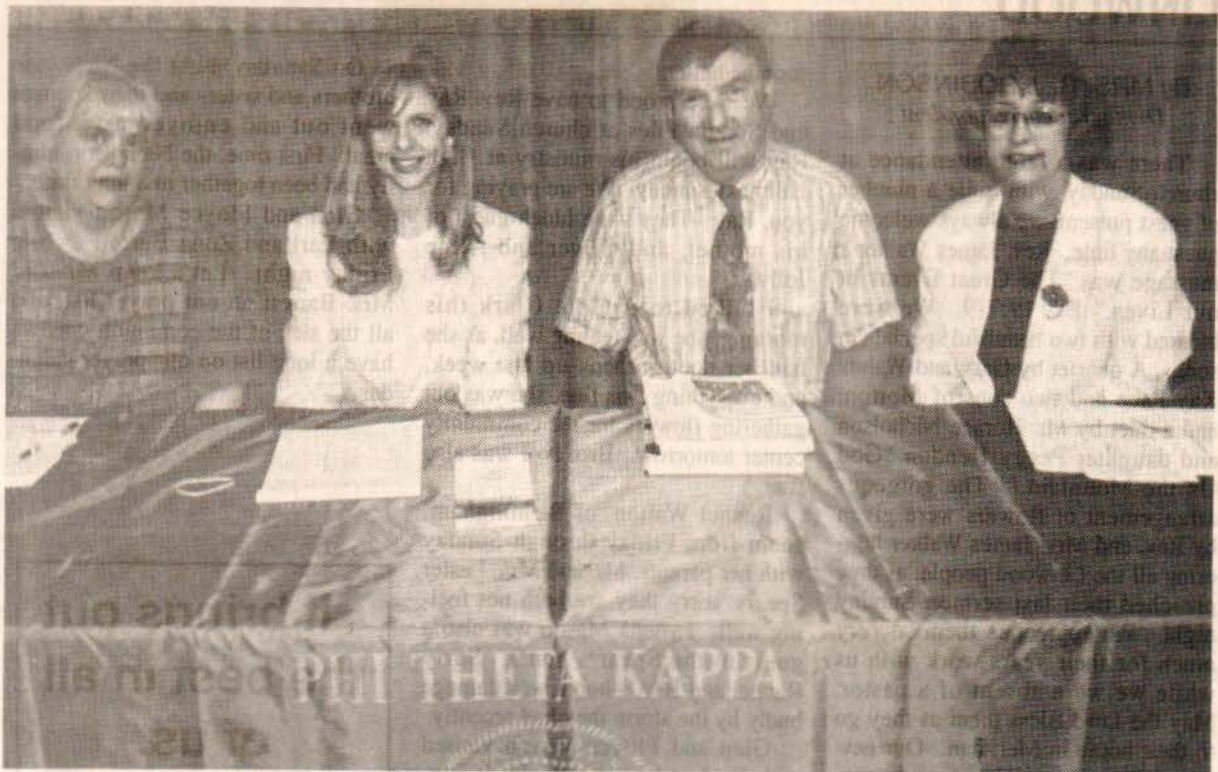
ECCC Homecoming Honorees... Recipients of various honors presented during the annual East Central Community College Homecoming observance included (seated from left) Dr. John Gipson of Newton, Alumnus of the Year; Wanda Comans Sharp of Sebastopol, Alumna of the Year; Sarah A. Griffin of Hero, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; Al Deaton of Decatur, Academic Instructor of the Year; and (standing from left) Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Clayton Blount of Decatur, Nan Huston Keenan of Rose Hill and Jim Wood of Louisville. The honorees were recognized during Alumni luncheon activities held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC program participants

A panel discussion on clinical depression was recently held at East Central Community College in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Day. The special program was sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Participants included, from left, Patricia Long, psychiatric nurse instructor for ECCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program; Tonya Nowell, children's therapist with Weems Community Mental Health Center and ECCC psychology instructors Bill Lovett and Alice Pouncey. Also participating in the annual activity was Debbie Whalen of Laurel Wood Center who set up a display in the lobby of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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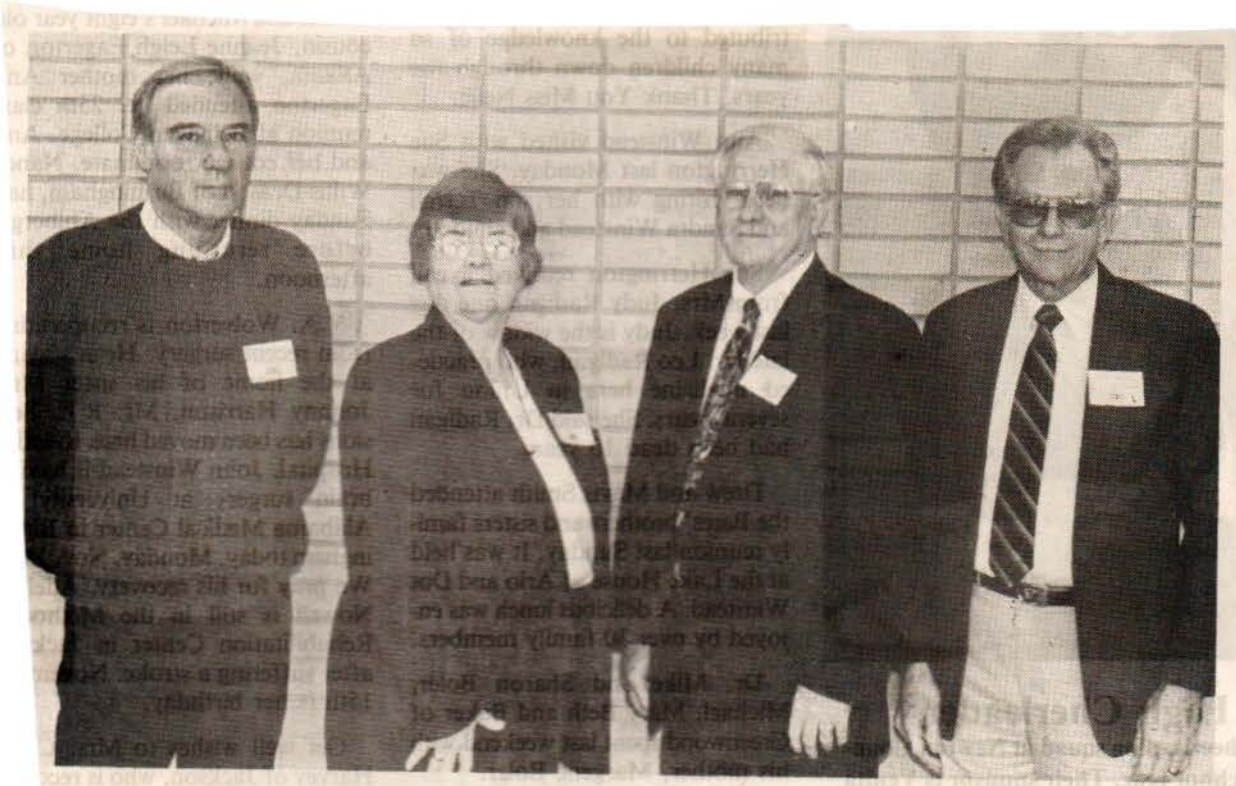
Representing 1975 graduates of East Central Community College who attended Homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus were (first row from left) Margaret Taylor Duett of Starkville; Ramona Donald Adcock, Cindy Bryan, and Janice Branning Fieber, all of Philadelphia; and Brenda Branning Carson and Tom Carson, both of Decatur; (second row from left) Brenda Johnson of Philadelphia; Peggy Lindsey Chamblee of Carthage; Beth Harris Rogers of Brandon; Johnny Presley of Meridian; and Gary Moody of Walnut Grove; and (third row from left) Millie McGee of Hickory; Paul Chamblee of Carthage; Ron Davis of Decatur; and Don Peagler of Morton.

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Observe 40th Class Reunion at ECCC

Representing 1955 graduates of East Central Community College who attended Homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus were (from left) Johnny Golden of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Jackye Staton Britt of Grenada; Rodney Fulton of Philadelphia; and Travis Ferguson of Perkinston.

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Observe 50th Class Reunion at ECCC

Representing 1945 graduates of East Central Community College who attended Homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus were (from left) Tabitha Lee Mims of Philadelphia; Mildred Harris Gibbons of Memphis, Tenn.; Katherine Majure Farned of Philadelphia; Lottie Chamblee Humphries of Louisville; and Johnnie Jones Keith of Decatur.

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Lee Addresses ECCC Students... Mike Lee (first from left), owner of Gentleman's Gallery in Philadelphia, recently spoke to students enrolled in modeling classes at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lee spoke about the latest fashion trends in menswear and "what's in and what's out" for the upcoming holiday season. Pictured with Lee (from left) are students Brent Rhinewalt of Lena, Rodney Bost of Collinsville and Gabe Scott of Philadelphia.

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Provides Industrial Training... Larry Blackburn, workforce specialist at East Central Community College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, responds to a question from Shelley Smith, department supervisor at U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia, during a recent training session held for the company's supervisory personnel. Blackburn is conducting the three-hour class, "Working in Teams," to groups of 16 and will eventually present the special program to approximately 100 company employees. The training class is being held in a Mobile Learning Lab located on company premises and provided by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The ECCC Career Center, established following passage of the Workforce Education Act of 1994, provides a variety of services for area businesses and industries. For more information call 635-2111, ext. 299.

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Business group has meeting at ECCC

The first Newton County Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) meeting was held recently on the East Central Community College campus. The meeting, sponsored by the Newton County Academy chapter of the FBLA, was intended to unite the Newton County FBLA members and give them the opportunity to expand their leadership skills.

The county-wide gathering of high school students was the first of its kind in the county.

Newton County Academy FBLA president Richard Blackburn developed and organized the meeting to build a partnership with fellow FBLA members. The goal is for the various county chapters to work together for the betterment of FBLA and Newton County and exchange ideas for communication and leadership.

Blackburn is also serving this year as the FBLA state treasurer for Mississippi.

Featured speaker for the conference was Ovid Vickers, an English teacher at East Central who recently retired. Vickers spoke to the group on the many changes that have occurred during his lifetime and the rapid changes and advances the students likely will see during their lifetimes.

Other speakers on the program were Amanda Harris and Valarie Buggs. Harris, FBLA central district vice president, represented the Mississippi Chapter of FBLA. Buggs, ECCC sophomore and former FBLA member at NCA, welcomed the FBLA meeting attendees.

Chapters attending the conference were Newton High School and Newton County Academy. Newton County High School was scheduled to attend but was forced to cancel

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at the last minute. Each chapter was given an opportunity to provide highlights of their activities and projects.

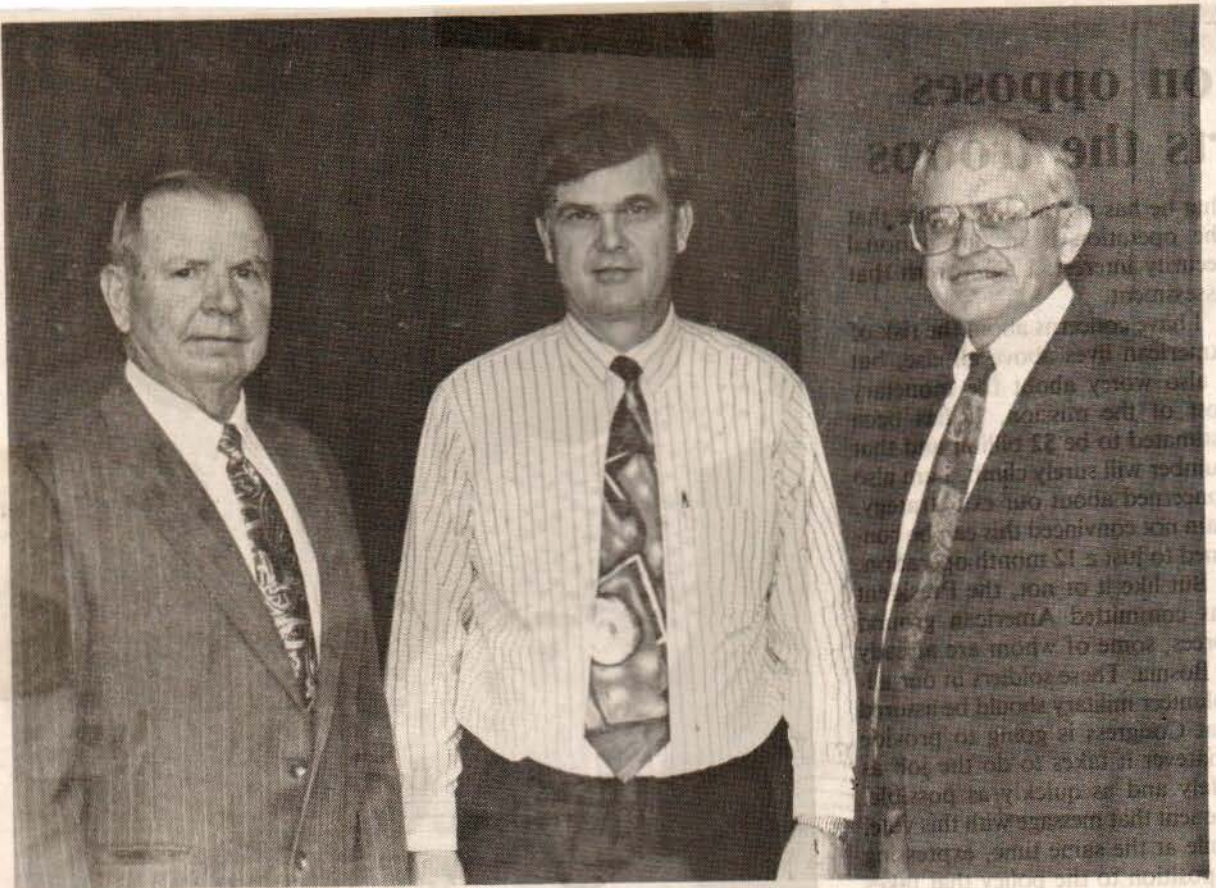
A light supper was provided by the Newton County Academy FBLA, and door prizes were awarded. Contributors to the conference included Sunflower of Newton, McBeath's Drug Store, DeCi's Diamonds, Country Peddler, Upton Drugs, Hailey's Hard-

ware and ECCC. Advisors for the schools are Betty Bounds, Newton High School; Mrs. Rachel Jones, Newton County Academy; and Mrs. Sandra Lane, Newton County High School.

FBLA promotes leadership and management skills and helps to prepare high school students to become the business leaders of tomorrow.

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Lead ECCC Board... These members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were recently selected to serve as officers for the 1996-98 term. From left are Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, chairman; Billy Nicholson of Union, vice chairman; and Jerry Nance of Louisville, secretary. The new slate was chosen following officer elections held during the governing body's December meeting. (EC Photo)

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Guidance counselors

The Guidance Counselors and Special Populations Craft Committee at East Central Community College recently met on the Decatur campus. Members serve as guidance counselors and special populations coordinators in high schools and vocational-technical centers throughout East Central's district of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Members are from left, front, Sherry Townsend, Forest/Scott County; Tammy Parkes, Philadelphia/Neshoba County; Cindy Stewart, Louisville/Winston County; middle,

Debra Rush, Philadelphia High School; Jewel Walker, Neshoba County/Newton County, Mississippi Employment Service; Maudean Sanders, ECCC tech prep coordinator; Sue Kelly, Newton, and Kenneth Clarke, Newton County, back, Jimmy Dempsey, ECCC vocational-technical counselor; Sheila Lyon, ECCC special populations coordinator; Shirley Robinson, Leake County, Rodney Stokes, Louisville/Winston County; and Cliff Goodwin, Philadelphia Vocational Rehab.

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Watkins, Kea honored

Cline Watkins (second from left) of Lena and Joe Edd Kea (third from left) of Carthage recently received plaques of appreciation for their many years of service as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Watkins, who began his service in 1987, was recently elected to the Leake County Board of Supervisors and will begin his new duties in January. Kea began his tenure on the

ECCC Board in 1988 following his election as Leake County Superintendent of Education. He chose not to seek a third term and is retiring from public service. They are shown with Board Chairman V.C. Manning (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith during ceremonies held at the Board's December meeting.

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ECCC Carpentry Program receives funds

The East Central Community College Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Program has received a financial boost following the recent presentation of a \$30,000 check from the Mississippi Home Corporation in Jackson. The funds will be used by the vocational program to purchase materials relating to the construction of a single family home, which will be sold at public auction. East Central will use proceeds to pay

back the \$30,000 loan with no interest. Participants in the presentation included, from left, Ricky Pea, planning specialist with the Mississippi Home Corporation; Clark Howell of Carthage, a member of the MHC Board of Directors; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; Janet Scott, MHC marketing manager; and Neddie R. Winters, MHC executive director.

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Construction industry, East Central nail down building trades loan

East Central Community College has become the first community college in the state to benefit from a loan program which is intended to increase the number of students pursuing careers in the residential construction industry.

The \$30,000 interest-free loan provides a cash pool which ECCC will use to purchase building materials for the construction of a single-family home. Construction of the home allows students to get hand-on experience at building a one-family residential structure, then after construction the school can sell the home and repay the loan.

Funding then will be made available to build additional units under the same program guidelines.

The loan is being sponsored by the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) and will be offered through a program called Building Experienced Tradesmen (BET).

"BET helps Mississippi homebuyers and renters," said Ben Mokry, MHC manager of planning and research. "Mississippi's workforce in construction trades is aging as fewer young people enter these professions. Fewer skilled workers can increase labor costs and slow the pace of construction. BET can help increase the supply of young trained craftsmen, helping moderate cost increases in housing and improve the quality of housing produced. This makes housing more affordable for first-time homebuyers and renters."

ECCC was the first community college recommended by the BET review team to receive a loan award as set forth in the BET proposal guidelines. The review team studied ECCC's vocational education facilities and discussed the program with John Adcock, ECCC district director. Another element of the program is an opportunity for students participating in



RECEIVES BUILDING LOAN--From left: Clark Howell, MHC board of directors; Dr. Eddie Smith, president of ECCC; and Ned Winters, MHC executive director.

the program to receive scholarships.

"We believe the addition of scholarship offerings will greatly foster the growth of quality

residential construction tradesmen in the homebuilding industry," said Ricky Pea, MHC planning specialist and team member.

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■ECCC slated to name new coach Jan. 10: East Central Community College is scheduled to name its new head football coach in the Jan. 10 board meeting.

Among those reportedly still in the running are former Morton head coach Johnny Mills, Louisville head coach Lynn Moore, former Neshoba Central assistant Steve Cheatham, Pearl River head coach Willie Coats, and Gunter Brewer.

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Representing East Central Community College in the MACJC all-star football game at Booneville were (from left) Stacey Whitehead of New Bern, N.C., Brad Moody of Neshoba Central, James McGee of Canon, Ga., and Frederick Tate of North Forrest High School near Hattiesburg. Their South team took a 20-6 victory.

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ECCC names Coats as new football coach

From Special Reports

DECATUR — The East Central Community College football team will have an old familiar face on the sidelines next season.

The school announced Tuesday the Willie J. "Tenny" Coats would take over as head coach of the Warriors, replacing former coach Reese Bridgman, who resigned after the 1994 season.

The former ECCC assistant football coach was the unanimous choice of a five-person search committee which interviewed nine of the 27 candidates who applied for the position. In all, more than 40 serious inquiries were made concerning the post.

Coats guided Pearl River Community College to a 28-13 record during the past four seasons, including a South Division Championship.

In announcing the selection, college president Dr. Eddie Smith said Coats was "highly experienced" in building and maintaining successful programs at the high school, community college and university levels.

"He was the only candidate interviewed who had head coaching experience beyond the high school level," Smith said. "Coach Coats knows, has coached or is familiar with high school coaches within the college's district."

Coats, who served at East Central from 1970-76 as an assistant and was also the head baseball coach, said he was looking forward to coming back to the area.

"I love Decatur and East Central and will work as hard as I can to make the football program competitive," Coats said. "It was a hard decision to leave Pearl River; the people at PRC have been great to me. But I really wanted to come to East Central. I have a lot of friends and family in the Decatur area. We are real excited about com-

ing back."

Coats said he planned to meet with the Warrior players Thursday afternoon and had already begun making recruiting contacts.

His 1992 squad at Pearl River posted a 10-0 regular season mark and won the South Division Title. The Wildcats set several records and were ranked fourth in the nation before falling to Itawamba for the state championship.

Coats, who has received "Coach of the Year" honors six times, began his career as an assistant at Clara High School in 1960. By 1962, he became the head coach and also led the girls' and boys' basketball programs and the track team.

In 1962, he was named "Coach of the Year" for girls' basketball in the Rebel Conference and in 1964 earned the same honor for the boys' team.

Coats was later tapped by Seminary High School to serve as head football coach, baseball coach and athletic director. In 1964, he was selected "Coach of the Year" in football. From 1966-70 he took over a similar position at Lumberton High.

During his seven seasons at ECCC, the Warriors compiled a 35-33-3 record.

Coats left East Central in 1976 to become head coach and athletic director at Decatur High. His 1978 team went 11-0, won the East Mississippi bowl game and was the top rated team in the small school rankings in the state. He was named Choctaw Conference "Coach of the Year" that same season.

In 1978, Coats left to become head football coach and athletic director at Quitman High School and then joined the Delta State University football staff in 1981, serving as defensive coordinator.

Coats took over the head coaching position at Hattiesburg High in 1984, where he went 49-27-1, including a perfect 10-0 mark in 1987.

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FOOTBALL: Willie Coats has been named head football coach at East Central Community College. Coats, an assistant at East Central from 1970-76, spent the past four seasons as head football coach at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville. He guided the Wildcats to a 28-13 record. Coats is also the former head coach of Decatur High School, which was 11-0 in 1978. ... Terrell Bucklev, a Pascagoula native

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Doormat East Central welcomes Coats' return

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

A surprising move took place this week when Willie Coats left the head coaching position at Pearl River for East Central.

Coats emerged from a list of 27 applicants for the job. Nine candidates interviewed with East Central president Eddie Miller.

Pearl River, Mississippi's first junior college dating to 1921, has 415 wins, 191 losses and 23 ties for a 70-percent success rate in 74 years of football.

When you consider that East Central struggles season after season to reach .500 — the Warriors were 2-8 in 1994, 1-8-1 in 1993 and 1-9 in 1992 — Coats' decision is all the more stunning.

Coats, who went 28-13 in four seasons at Pearl River, returns to familiar territory. He served as assistant football and head baseball coach at East Central from 1970-76 before moving to Decatur High for two years as head football coach and athletic director.

One factor may be the fact Coats' wife, Lula, is from the Newton County area. He'll also be near two of his four children. Son Timmy works an assistant football coach at Newton High, and Patti is an elementary school teacher in Decatur.

Another daughter, Kristi, plays on the LPGA Tour.

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Meanwhile, Pearl River president Ted Alexander hopes to have a new coach in place by Feb. 21.

Men's basketball: Jones County was ranked 12th nationally with a 15-1 record before Thursday night's home game against East Central, followed by a Saturday game at Holmes.

Guard-oriented Holmes was 12-3 and contending for national consideration before Thursday's Itawamba trip. Russell Evans, a 6-2 freshman guard from Canton, leads Holmes with 14.8 scoring and 7.2 rebounding averages. Steven Newby, a 6-4 sophomore guard from Grenada (Kirk Academy), scores at 11.5 making 40 percent of his 3-point tries.

"If we had a big scorer inside, someone 6-7 or 6-8, we'd be good,"

Holmes coach Bennie Kimble said. "We're just getting the most out of what we've got."

Holmes has seven victories by 5 or fewer points.

Women's basketball: Coahoma, Northeast and Northwest are near to be perhaps the North Division's best, while Co-Lin, Pearl River, East Central and Jones could be tops in the South.

Jones faces Co-Lin next Monday, Pearl River next Thursday, following East Central and Holmes this week.

"This is the toughest part of our schedule," coach Katie Herrington said.

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East Central turns to Coats to revive football program

By MARTY STAMPER

Democrat sports editor

East Central Community College turned to a proven winner when Willie Coats was unanimously named its 17th head football coach in the Jan. 10 Board of Trustees meeting in Decatur.

"He's a winner," EC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith told the board members. "Coach Coats is highly experienced in building and maintaining successful programs at the high school, community college, and university levels."

Coats comes to EC from Pearl River Community College where his four teams posted a 28-13 mark.

A familiar face in Decatur, Coats was an assistant coach at EC under Ken Pouncey from 1970-76 with the Warriors winning 35 games, losing 33, and tying three.

He also coached at Decatur High School in 1977 and 1978 with the '78 team going 11-0 and beating Noxapater 28-12 in the East Central Mississippi Bowl.

"We are familiar with East Central and it's really good to be back," Coats, 58, said Thursday afternoon on the EC campus. "I like East Central. I've got a lot of friends here and a lot of family here. I'm just really excited about coming back."

"We're going to work as hard as we can to be as successful as we can and try to develop a real competitive program."

After leaving Decatur High School, he went to Quitman where his 1979 team posted a 7-4 mark. Only two of the following 15 Panther teams have won as many as seven games in a season.

After a three-year stint (1981-83) as assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Delta State, Coats became head coach at Hattiesburg High School. In his seven seasons (1984-90), the Tigers were 48-26-1.

The 1989 team finished 11-3, losing 24-21 to West Point in the Class 5A state championship game. His 1987 ballclub was 10-1 after going undefeated during the regular season.

During his four seasons at Pearl River, Coats had three 6-4 records to go with a 10-1 showing in 1992.

East Central, meanwhile, was 8-31-1 over that period.

"It was a real tough decision to make," Coats said in a Jan. 10 media release from Pearl River. "I made the decision on my own. No one asked me to leave, but I felt that the move would be a good move for my family. I lived in Decatur for nine years and I love the town and I love the school."

His 1992 Pearl River squad was 10-0 during the regular season (for only the second time in school history) and was ranked fourth nationally before losing 34-14 to Itawamba in the state semifinals.

During his four years at Poplarville, the Wildcats were 4-0 against EC, winning the last three by margins of 40-0, 35-7, and 42-0.

Coats said he wasn't overly concerned about the difference in the two teams in 1994 and how it would relate to the 1995 season.

"Junior college is different from most other football because it's such a big turnover every year. The big challenge is just to keep as many of the freshmen eligible to be sophomores. So many times you lose so many between their freshman and sophomore year. You have to emphasize their academics and their school work and staying eligible and getting a degree. That's one of the big challenges in coaching."

It has been at EC.

There were 39 freshmen on the 1991 roster, but the 1992 team had only 12 sophomores.

The 1992 team had 42 freshmen under then new coach Reese Bridgman. The '93 roster indicated



just 16 sophomores.

The 1993 ballclub had 36 freshmen, but only 17 sophomores were around in 1994.

That's 45 players who returned for a second year out of a total of 117 (38.5 percent) in a three-year span.

"If you can go out there and start 20 sophomores of your 22, you've got a lot better chance," Coats said.

During his seven seasons as an assistant coach at EC, the 1970, 1971, and 1975 squads each won seven games. Since his departure following the 1976 season, only once (1987) in 18 years has EC won seven times in a season.

Five of the last seven Warrior ballclubs have finished with two wins or less.

The 1994 EC team started 0-8 before closing with wins at Southwest and East Mississippi.

"At the first of the year they had some tough luck, but they showed a lot of character to just hang in there and win their last two games," Coats

said.

Coats, like Bridgman in '94, said he will have the benefit of the 10 additional players from Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) that won't count against his out-of-state total.

"I know one of the coaches over there real well at (Class 6A playoff participant) Tuscaloosa Central," Coats said of "Buzz" Busby. "I know that's a good program."

He also knows the EC district and several of his former players are now head coaches at high schools in the district. Among them are Jack French at Forest and Pete Lucovich at Carthage.

His oldest son, Timmy, is currently an assistant football and baseball coach at Newton.

In the previous three seasons, 54, 53, and 53 players were on EC's roster indicating there were spots for more district players on the team, there just weren't enough interested athletes from the district to fill those final positions. Mississippi jocos can have 55 players.

Coats has already begun recruiting.

"I've made some calls to a couple of kids from out-of-state," Coats added. "And I've brought in one from Tampa, Fla. He's registered in school now."

Unlike senior colleges, the jocos can play a spring game.

"It'll help," Coats said. "I'm going to be limited in what I can do because the assistants are not going to be in and I'll be by myself so I don't know how much I'll get done. Hopefully we'll have some coaches that can commute in here a few days and help out some. They'll officially come on board the first of August."

At EC, Coats will have two full-time assistants. He had three at Pearl River. Both schools have also had additional graduate assistants or volunteer coaches.

In the Jan. 10 EC board meeting, board member Vernon Crotwell of Morton asked the possibilities of EC adding a third full-time assistant.

"There's about 60 boys out there and there's no way they can get what they need from three coaches," Crotwell said.

Smith said a third assistant was a possibility, "as soon as we get our budget up to where we want it to be."

During his career, Coats has also coached boys and girls basketball, baseball, and track.

"He's a good man," Pearl River mens basketball coach Richard Mathis said during the Christmas break. "He's a football coach, but he won't do anything to hurt your program and he'll do what he can to help you. I hate to see him go."

Coats played at USM in 1957 and 1958. The Golden Eagles were 17-3 those two years and were named UPI College Division National Champions with a 9-0 mark in '58. Coats' biggest game that year was a 143-yard rushing effort in a 41-0 rout of Virginia Tech.

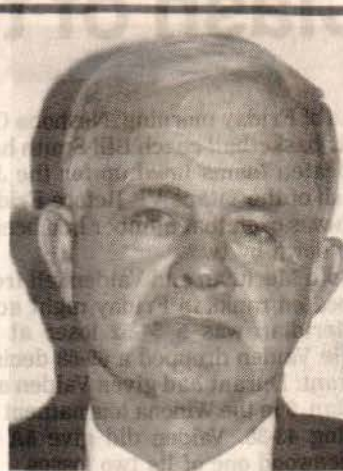
During those years, Coats was a teammate of former EC assistant and current Gulf Coast head coach J.C. Arban.

Coats is a graduate of Stonewall High School and played quarterback on a squad that lost just one game in three years. He was named High School Honorable Mention All-American.

He also played one year of minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs farm team at Morristown, Tenn. He later played two years of minor league football with the Mobile Buccaneers of the Southern Professional Football League.

His coaching career began as an assistant at Clara High School in 1960. He also coached at Seminary and Lumberton.

East Central opens its 1995 football season at Holmes.



The Willie Coats File

East Central Junior College (assistant)

1970	7-3-0	1974	2-7-0
1971	7-3-0	1975	7-2-2
1972	4-6-0	1976	6-4-1
1973	2-8-0		

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Decatur High School (head)

1977	7-2-1	1978	11-0-0
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Quitman High School (head)

1979	7-4-0	1980	5-5-0
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Delta State University (assistant, defensive coordinator)

1981	2-7-0	1983	5-5-0
1982	6-4-0		

3 years 13-16-0

Hattiesburg High School (head)

1984	3-6-0	1988	8-2-1
1985	6-3-0	1989	11-3-0
1986	8-3-0	1990	2-8-0
1987	10-1-0		

7 years 48-26-1

Pearl River Community College (head)

1991	6-4-0	1993	6-4-0
1992	10-1-0	1994	6-4-0

4 years 28-13-0

■ **EC football assistants:** While no official

word has come from the school, the assistant football coaches for the 1995 season at East Central Community College are expected to be Timmy Coats and Terry Underwood.

Coats, the eldest son of recently approved head coach Willie Coats, is currently an assistant football and baseball coach at Newton. He quarterbacked Decatur High School to an 11-0 mark in 1978 before continuing his career at Mississippi College.

Underwood recently completed his third year as an assistant with Coats at Pearl River. He was offensive line coach at PRCC the past two seasons. In 1993, the Wildcats averaged 411.1 yards a game, 301 of which came on the ground.

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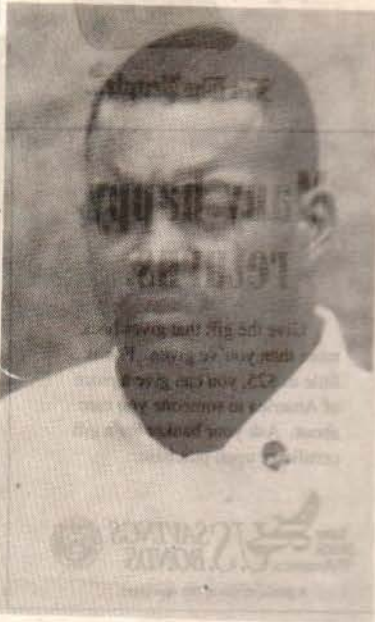
The new EC assistants won't officially join the staff until Aug. 1.

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Charles Love is a 5-11 225-pound junior linebacker from Newton, who was named the Vulcans' Special Teams **"Kamikazee" Most Valuable Player**. He made seven solo tackles on the special teams.

"Charles was the clear-cut choice for this award," said Chris Hogan, Cal's defensive line and strength coach who is also the teams's academic monitor. "This award goes to the guy who is always, always hustling on the special teams and makes big plays and big hits. Love was a force on the special teams and demonstrated a lot of intensity."

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Former EC coach questions current use of Tuscaloosa 10

I read in the Jan. 18, 1995, Neshoba Democrat that Willie Coats was hired as the football coach at East Central Community College at the Jan. 10 board meeting. I noticed that Coach Coats would be allowed to use the 10 additional out-of-state players from Tuscaloosa County, Ala.

(ECCC president) Dr. (Eddie M.) Smith and I wrote the proposal for these additional players and it passed the state association May 22, 1990. Dr. Smith would not allow me to use these players after the association approved the proposal. He said that East Central did not have the money for these additional out-of-state athletes. If we could not afford them in 1990 and 1991, how can they afford them at this time? If these players are financed in any way except through the regular athletic scholarships, this would be against the NJCAA rules.

I want the people of Neshoba County and the other supporting counties to know that I did the best job I could with the football program at East Central. I do feel that I could have done a better job if I had been given a little more support from the administration.

I would like to commend every player that played for me at East Central and if I can be of any help to you, let me know. I live in Grenada, Miss.

A. J. Kilpatrick

Sports editor's note: ECCC first began using the additional out-of-staters from Tuscaloosa County in football in 1994. They are not available for any other sport.

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Local ECCC students named, All-State

Members of the East Central Community College football team selected honorable mention All-State following the 1994 season included (seated from left) offensive tackle Marlon Black (6'5", 318) of Bristol, Florida; wide receiver Omeri Green (6'1", 190) of Atlanta, Georgia; strong safety Michael Holbert (6', 215) of Morton; defensive back Jamie Day (6'2", 202) of Neshoba Central and (standing from left) defensive back Eddie Hunt (6'2", 202) of Louisville, defensive end William Mays (6'3", 240) of Birmingham, Alabama; offensive guard Lundy Brantley (5'10", 250) of Neshoba Central and offensive guard Jason Greene (6'4", 255) of Carthage. Not pictured are center Mark West (6', 240) of Forest, linebacker Charles Bester (6'1", 210) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; defensive end Latwaun Cook (6'2", 240) of Greenville, Alabama; and defensive back Willie Porter (5'9", 175) of Louisville. (EC photo)

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COATS MEETS WITH WARRIORS - New East Central Community College head football coach Willie J. "Tenny" Coats recently met with returning squad members and discussed plans for the 1995 campaign. Coats, who served the past four years as head football coach at Pearl River Community College, began his new duties on January 10. He was an assistant at East Central from 1970-76. Coach Coats expects to name staff members at a later date. (EC Photo)

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Signs football scholarship

Kendrid Butler, center, a senior at Scott Central High School recently signed a football scholarship with East Central Community College. Pictured with Butler are Kalvin Lyon, ECCC assistant football coach and Scott Central Coach Mickey Bounds.

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ECCC signs grid stars

Three Leake County football standouts were among 16 who signed to become East Central Community College Warriors next season, according to head coach Willie J. "Tenny" Coats.

Signees included Frederick Carson, 6-2, 205, defensive lineman, and Chris Luckett, 6-3, 228, tight end-defensive

end, both of Carthage, and Earl Truss, 6-2, 225, linebacker, of Edinburg.

Coats said he was "very pleased" with his first group of student-athletes who committed on Wednesday, Feb. 1, the official signing date.

Coats said he expected to announce additional signees later this month.

Decatur hosts South State cage tourney

East Central Community College will host the south state men's and women's basketball tournament Feb. 13-16 on the Decatur campus.

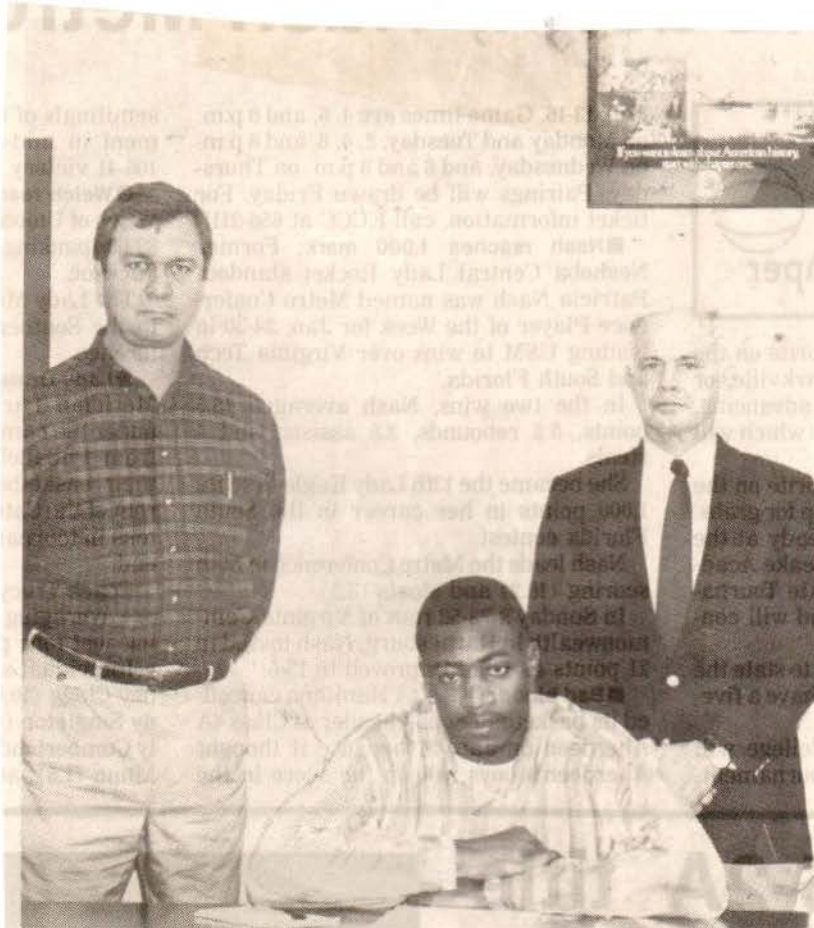
Pairings will be determined later this week, but games will be played at 4, 6, and 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday.

For ticket info phone 635-2111.

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Robert Yarbrough (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at East Central Community College. In 1994, he rushed 42 times for 415 yards and scored five touchdowns. He also had 42 tackles. Also pictured are (standing from left) Neshoba Central head coach Terry Allen and ECCC head coach Willie Coats.

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Chad Clark (seated) of Philadelphia signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at East Central Community College. Pictured with Clark are (standing from left) ECCC head coach Willie Coats, parents Eddie and Susan Clark, and Philadelphia head coach Herschel Smith.

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Joseph Griffith (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at East Central Community College. A two-way lineman, he had 28 tackles in 1994. Also pictured are (standing from left) parents Horace and Virginia Griffith and ECCC head coach Willie Coats.

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Jimmy Michael McWilliams (seated) of Neshoba Central signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at East Central Community College. He was second on the 1994 Rockets team in tackles with 67. Also pictured are (standing from left) father, Jim R. McWilliams, and ECCC head coach Willie Coats.

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East Central announces area football signees

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Coats said he is "very pleased" with his first group of student-athletes who signed on Feb. 1.

Signing from Neshoba Central were running back/defensive back Robert Yarbrough (6-1, 195), offensive lineman Michael McWilliams (6-0, 255), and offensive/defensive lineman Joseph Griffith (6-0, 250).

Philadelphia defensive back Chad Clark (6-3, 188) also inked with ECCC.

Yarbrough scored five touch-

downs for the 7-3 Rockets and had 42 carries for 415 yards. He also had 42 tackles.

McWilliams recorded 67 tackles.

Other signees include:

Carthage: defensive lineman Frederick Carson (6-2, 205) and tight end/defensive end Chris Luckett (6-3, 228);

Edinburg: linebacker Earl Truss

(6-2, 225);

Forest: linebacker Dennis Patrick (5-10, 205);

Louisville: defensive back Charles Henton (5-11, 175);

Morton: linebacker Neal Keator (6-0, 210), tight end Eddie Johnson (6-2, 200), offensive lineman An-

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thony Johnson (6-0, 270), and offensive/defensive lineman Ryan Stovich (6-1, 250);

Scott Central: defensive end Ryan Burks (6-2, 240), defensive lineman Dynell Butler (6-3, 243), and defensive back Lonnie McClendon (5-10, 180).

Coats expects to announce additional signees later this month.

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Jim Laird/WCJ

Future Warrior — Louisville's Charles Henton (r) signed with East Central Community College last Wednesday with his mother, Mary Jean Henton, and Louisville head football coach Lynn Moore and ECCC head football coach Tenny Coats looking on.

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Five ink football scholarships

Five Forest High School football standouts inked college scholarships last week. Signing were (seated from left) Rashard Burgess, Jackson State University; Anthony Derricks, Mississippi State University; Todd Pinkston, University of Southern Mississippi; and Dennis Patrick, East Central Community College. Standing are (from left) Del Gray, Mississippi College; and FHS Football Coach Jack French.

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Sigs football scholarship

Lonnie McClendon, Jr., seated, a senior at Scott Central High School recently signed a football scholarship with East Central Community College. Pictured with McClendon are Courtney McClendon, Sandra McClendon, Coach Calvin Lyon, ECCC assistant football coach and Scott Central Coach Mickey Bounds.

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Coats names ECCC assistants

New East Central Community College football coach Willie Coats has announced the selection of team assistants for the 1995 campaign.

Joining Coats on the sidelines will be one of his sons, Timmy Coats, an assistant football coach the past five years at Newton High School, and Terry Underwood, who served with the elder Coats on his staffs at Pearl River Community College and Hattiesburg High School.

Timmy Coats, who was also an assistant baseball coach at Newton, is a former assistant football coach and head baseball coach at Morton High School. He also taught science at Morton and Newton. In addition, Coats is a former student assistant at Mississippi College.

Coats is a graduate of Quitman High school where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and baseball. A quarterback, he played three years for the Quitman Panthers, coached at that time by his father, and was selected to the All-State and All Star teams.

He signed a scholarship with Mississippi College where he played football and baseball

until a knee injury ended his playing career.

He graduated from MC with a bachelor's degree in health education. He is currently working toward a master's degree.

Since 1992 Underwood has served as offensive line coach and strength coach for the Pearl River Wildcats. Prior to joining the PRC staff, he was defensive coordinator and strength coach at Jones County Junior College. He also served seven years as an assistant at Hattiesburg High School.

Underwood is a graduate of Seminary High School where he was a standout performer on the football and track teams. He continued his athletic career at Jones County Junior College and Delta State, excelling as an offensive lineman and member of the track team.

At DSU, Underwood was the shot put champion in the Gulf South Conference. He also received bachelor's and master's degrees from DSU, each in the field of education.

Both assistants are scheduled to begin their employment at ECCC on Aug. 1.

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ECCC Football Signees... New East Central Community College football coach Willie Coats has crossed state lines to sign players for the coming season.

Coats has signed four Tuscaloosa County Alabama athletes: Rocky Smith, a 6'1" 250 lb offensive lineman; Jeff Rowell, a 5'11" 185 lb defensive back; Mark Thomas, a 5'11" 175 lb defensive back; and Jay Frith, a 6'1" 255 lb. offensive/defensive lineman. Smith, Rowell and Thomas played prep ball at Tuscaloosa County High while Frith is from Brookwood High.

Coats has also pulled a recruiting coup with the signing of a couple of players that were hotly sought by Division I schools.

Joining the Warrior squad are Al Raimy, a 6'5" 290 lb. lineman from Hamilton High in Memphis and Ashanti Webb, a 5'11" 175 lb. defensive back from King High School in Tampa.

Raimy was named to the All Memphis Area team and received most valubale offensive lineman honors. He made recruiting trips to Auburn, Tennessee, Arkansas, Memphis and Ole Miss.

Webb, who signed with Auburn last year, enrolled at ECCC at the beginning of the spring term.

Former Warriors bound for Arkansas... Three members of the

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Arkansas Tech is a recent addition to the Gulf South Conference which includes Mississippi schools Delta State and Mississippi College.

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Former Nox player honored for effort

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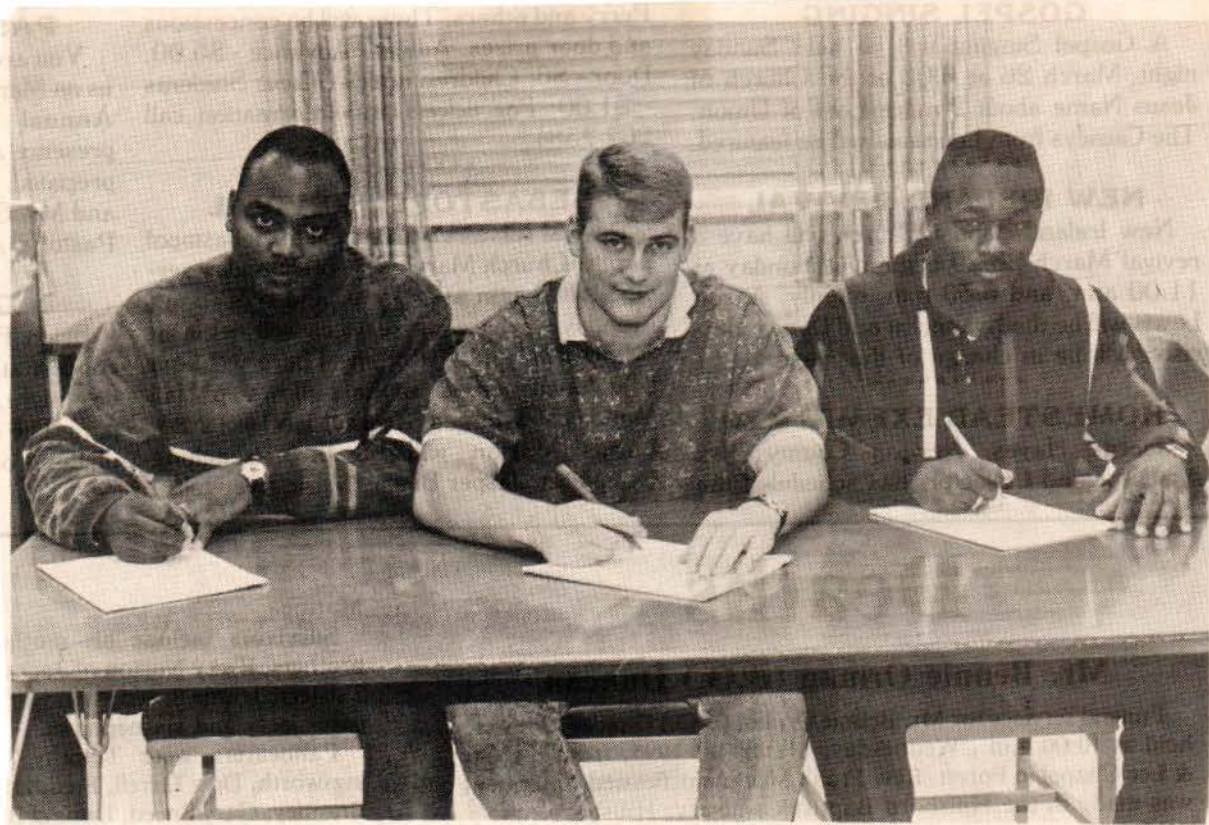
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ECCC Players Ink Scholarships... These East Central Community College football players recently signed scholarships with Arkansas Tech, a division II squad located in Russellville. From left are fullback James McGee (6-236), of Franklin County High School in Canon, Georgia; linebacker Brad Moody (6-1, 232) of Neshoba Central High School; and defensive back Willie Porter (5-9, 175) a product of Louisville High School. McGee and Moody were second team All-State selections and participated in the annual All Star Classic. Porter was named to the honorable mention All-State squad. Arkansas Tech is a recent addition to the Gulf South Conference. (EC Photo)

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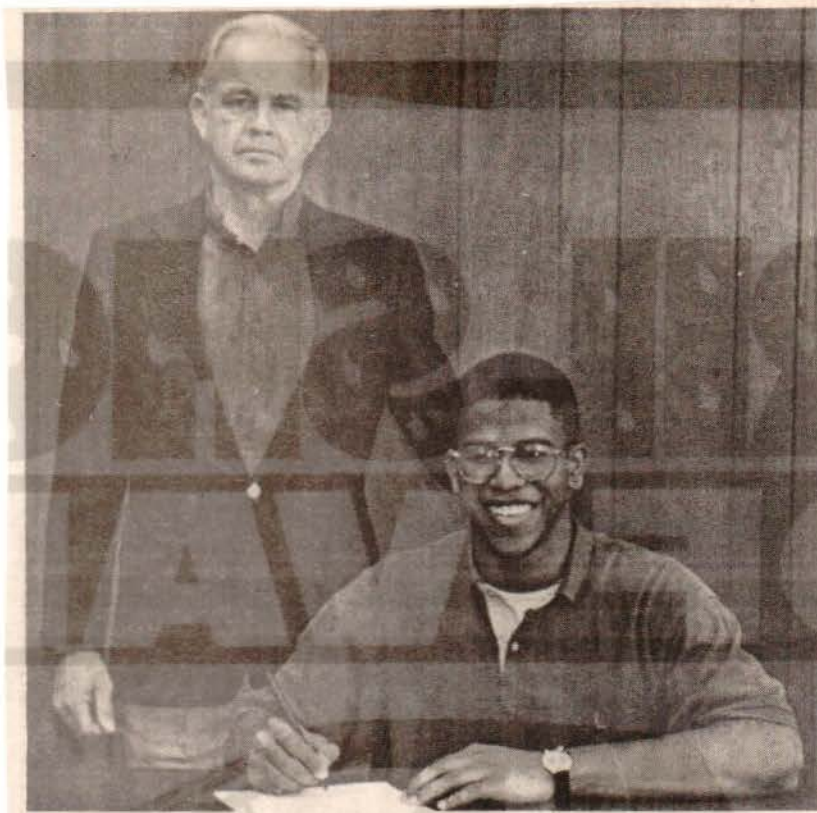
Signs football scholarship

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Signs with ECCC

Calvin Williams has committed to East Central Community College. Williams, a 5-11, 175-pound running back from Wingfield High School in Jackson, who now resides in Walnut Grove, was an all-district selection, rushed for 950 yards and scored nine touchdowns during the 1994 campaign. He was also chosen Wingfield's most valuable offensive player. Williams is shown with ECCC head football coach Willie Coats during signing ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus.

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MHS athletes sign ECCC scholarships

Four Morton High School seniors recently signed football scholarships with East Central Community College. Signing were (clockwise from left) Eddie Johnson, Ryan Stokley, Tony

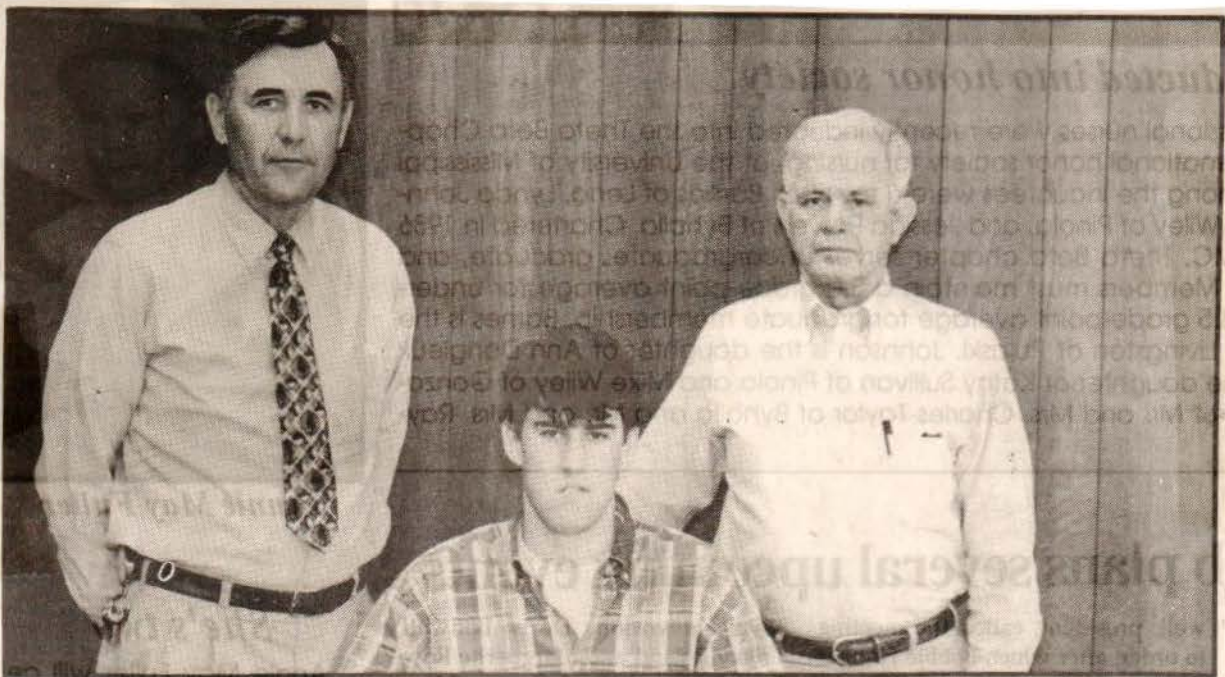
Johnson and Neal Keeton. Also pictured are MHS football coach Billy Brown; ECCC coach, and family members.



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Signs with East Central

Lance Eichelberger, a 6'4", 195-pound quarterback from Forest has signed a scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown with Eichelberger during signing ceremonies are his father, Ed Eichelberger, and Warrior head football coach Willie Coats. The student athlete played last season at Jackson Academy and was previously a member of the FHS squad.

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Vance recognized

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that J. Dane Vance has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Vance, who attends East Central Community College, was nominated for this national award by Raymond McMullan. She will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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**Blanks signs with
East Central CC**

Kevin Blanks, a 6-foot-1, 225-pound tight end from Meridian High School, has signed with East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Warrior head football coach Willie Coats.

East Central begins the 1995 campaign by traveling to Holmes Community College on Thursday, August 31. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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ECCC Warriors challenge Holmes in Season Opener

A young but determined group of East Central Community College football players will begin the 1995 campaign Thursday at Holmes Community College, and new head football coach Willie Coats said the freshman-dominated squad will be tested early by the home-standing Bulldogs who return 18 starters from last year's 6-3-1 campaign. Kickoff for the nondivision matchup is set for 7 p.m. on the Goodman campus.

Coats, former head coach at Pearl River Community College and an East Central assistant in the 1970's, said he is "very pleased" with his team's attitude and work ethics and added the players have responded well to some "very tough" workouts held in almost 100-degree heat.

The Warriors, who return just nine lettermen and feature 38 freshmen on the 54-man roster went through a controlled-type scrimmage under the lights on August 22, and Coats said he saw several "bright spots" during the two-hour session.

Among offensive players receiving praise from the Warrior head mentor were sophomore quarterback Steven Crotwell of Morton, sophomore fullback Marty Stojkovic and sophomore lineman Chad McBride, both of Tuscaloosa, sophomore lineman

Nepo Scott of Demopolis, and freshman running back Coby Miller of Louisville.

On the defensive side, Coats complimented sophomore defensive back Jaie Day and sophomore linebacksers Harold Roberts, both products of Neshoba Central High School, sophomore linebacker William Mays of Birmingham and freshman defensive back Ashanti Webb of Tampa Bay, FL.

The Warrior kicking game is again in "good shape", Coats said, with the return of Peyton Weems (kickoffs/place kicker), Lee Wylie (punter) and Chuck Dunlap (snapper), all of Louisville.

Along with his duties as head coach, Coats will also serve as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. Assistants are Terry Underwood (offensive coordinator/offensive line), Timmy Coats (quarterbacks/running backs), Kelvin Lyon (defensive backs), Frederick Lyons (defensive line) and Stacy Sizemore (right ends/wide receivers).

Probable starters for the season opener include the following:

OFFENSE -- Quarterback, Steven Crotwell (6'185), Morton; fullback, Marty Stojkovic (6'230), Tuscaloosa; running back, Coby Miller (5'9", 195), Louisville;

wide receiver, Rakeem Mahogany (5'10", 170), Birmingham; flanker back, Randy Ellison (5'9", 165), Columbus, GA; tight end, Ray Ivy (6'1", 240) of Louisville or Chad Scelfo (6'206), Lafayette, LA; strong tackle, Nepo Scott (6'270) Demopolis; split tackle, Rocky Smith (6'1", 270), Northport, AL; strong guard, Chad McBride (6'1", 259), Tuscaloosa; split guard, Brad Jackson (6'4", 245), Opelika, AL; and center, DeMarcus Holmes (5'10", 240), Louisville.

DEFENSE -- Noseguard, Mike McWilliams (6', 246) of Philadelphia or Earl Truss (6'2", 223) of Carthage; left tackle, Frank Chenevert (6'1", 294) of Alexandria, LA or Steve Ricks (6', 280) of Carthage; right tackle, Tyquan Taylor (6'1", 233), Louisville; strong end/linebacker, William Mays (6'3", 244), Birmingham; weak side end/linebacker, Kemba Bryant (6'1", 197), Riverdale, GA; strong side linebacker, Jeff Rowell (5'9", 186), Tuscaloosa; middle linebacker, Harold

Roberts (5'10", 250), Philadelphia; right cornerback, Ashanti Webb (6', 175), Tampa Bay, FL; left cornerback, Jamie Day (6'1" 193), Philadelphia; strong safety Mark Thomas (5'10", 177), Tuscaloosa; and free safety, Robert Yarbrough (6', 187), Philadelphia.

Kicker, Peyton Weems (5'8" 128), punter, Lee Wylie (5'10" 174) and snapper, Chuck Dunlap (6'1", 187), all of Louisville.

The Warriors begin home action and division competition by hosting Copiah-Lincoln Community College on Thursday, September 7. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

All East Central Community College football games will again be broadcast live over WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage. Mike Goodwin begins his 11th year handling play-by-play action.

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ECCC TEAM MEMBERS - Representing Newton County on the 1995 East Central Community College football team are (from left) offensive guard russell McCann of Newton County Academy and manager Alan Ware of Union. (EC Photo)

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Co-Lin Defeats ECCC

Freshmen running backs Xavier Thomas and Freddie May, both of Tuscaloosa, each rushed for over 100 yards but their efforts fell just short as East Central Community College lost its home opener to Copiah-Lincoln by a 17-13 margin.

East Central, which dropped to 0-2 on the young season, grabbed an early lead against its South Division opponent when May found paydirt with 9:06 left in the first period. Peyton Weems of Louisville kicked the PAT. The 89-yard scoring drive came on the Warriors' first possession.

Co-Lin (2-0) answered the East Central tally with a 29-yard field goal by Brent Logan near the end of the initial period. The scoring drive covered 70 yards.

The visiting Wolves later took a 10-7 lead in the second quarter on a three-yard burst y running back Greg Buchanan, capping a 52-yard march. Logan added the PAT.

On their next possession, the Warriors drove 94 yards to recapture the lead on May's seven-yard run. Weems' PAT was blocked by Co-Lin defender Greg Madison. A key play on the scoring drive was a 64-yard flea flicker, with quarterback Steven Crotnell of Morton firing a strike to Neshoba Central's Jamie Day who then lofted a perfect aerial to wide receiver Calvin Williams of Carthage which gave the Warriors possession on the Co-Lin 20.

Co-Lin later put the game's final points on the scoreboard when quarterack Walter Butler connected with wingback Brian Webb on a three-yard touch-

down pass with just eight seconds remaining before halftime. The PAT was good. The winning drive covered 80 yards.

EC appeared to be heading for a possible game-winning score late in the fourth quarter, when the Warriors took possession on their own 11 with 3:54 remaining and steadily marched upfield. However EC could only reach the Co-Lin 38 before giving up possession on downs.

EC which was unable to generate much offense in its season-opening loss at Holmes, had 255 yards rushing, 126 yards passing and gained 15 first sowns against Co-Lin.

Thomas led the offensive attack with 102 yards on 13 carries, followed by May's 101-yard performance on 21 attempts. Fullback Marty Stojkovic of Tuscaloosa was the third leading rusher with 47 yards on 11 carries.

Crotnell had an impressive performance as the Warrior field general, and also completed passes to four different receivers for a 62-yard total. Receptions were made by Tim Livingston of Carthage, one for 29 yards; Day, on for 15 yards; Chad Scelfo of Lafayette, LA, one for 10 yards; and Thomas, one for six yards. Williams was also on the receiving end of a 64-yard pass from Day on the flea flicker play.

East Central travels to Northwest Mississippi Community College Thursday for a nondivision battle on the Senatobia campus. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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ECCC Team Members... These players from Neshoba County are members of the East Central Community College football team for the 1995 campaign. Kneeling from left defensive backs Chad Clark of Philadelphia and Robert Yarbrough and Jamie Day both of Neshoba Central. Standing from left are defensive lineman Jimmy McWilliams, offensive guard Allen Tucker and linebacker Harold Roberts, all of Neshoba Central. (EC Photo)

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ECCC team members

Players from Leake County who are members of East Central Community College football team for the 1995 campaign, include from left, front, wide receiver Tim Livingston of Carthage and defensive lineman Earl Truss of Edinburg;

back, defensive lineman Steve Ricks, wide receiver Calvin Williams, defensive lineman Chris Lockett, all of Carthage, and manager Patrick Bacon of Thomastown.

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Rangers gallop past EC, 48-7; Warriors travel to Gulfport

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

Nationally-ranked Northwest Mississippi scored 42 unanswered points to defeat East Central Community College, 48-7, in last Thursday's contest at Senatobia's Ranger Field.

The Rangers were ranked No. 5 in last week's NJCAA poll.



"They're real good," EC head coach Willie Coats said. "They may be one of the best teams in the country.

I think they are. They'll be right up there at the end of the year. They'll be one of the top teams in the state and in the nation. I don't think there's any doubt about that."

Northwest struck early on a 6-yard run by John Avery. The extra point was no good.

EC took advantage of a fumble recovery to take a 7-6 lead. Neal

Keeton recovered a fumble by Ranger quarterback Bryan Sparacino at the Northwest 10. On third down, Steven Crotwell teamed with Xavier Thomas for a 6-yard scoring toss. Peyton Weems booted the extra point to give the Warriors a one-point lead with 7:41 to go before halftime.

That lead lasted just over six minutes until Sparacino connected with Terence Samuel on a 24-yard touchdown pass with 1:27 left in the first half.

EC threatened when Coby Miller returned the ensuing kickoff 57 yards to the Ranger 37. Crotwell was picked off by Malikia Griffin who returned the ball 87 yards for a touchdown as Northwest took a 21-7 lead into halftime.

"That pass interception really broke our back," Coats said. "Our kids played hard. We were inconsistent, which is typical of a young team, but we played good in spots. We gave up too many big plays and we didn't have any consistency on offense."

Sparacino teamed with Samuel on a 16-yard touchdown pass and with Kevin Cooper on a 13-yard scoring toss as the Rangers lead grew to 34-7 with 1:24 showing in the third period.

With 12:07 remaining in the contest, Sparacino and Samuel hooked up on a 67-yard bomb.

The Warriors had the ball at the Northwest 2 with just under 10 minutes remaining when Griffin picked off a Jake Kizziah pass in the end zone and was credited for a 100-yard touchdown return to conclude the scoring.

EC fell to 0-3 with the loss. The Warriors travel to Gulfport to take on 0-3 Gulf Coast Thursday night in a South Division contest. The Bulldogs were 39-14 losers to East Mississippi last week. Gulf Coast holds a commanding 33-9-2 advantage in the series.

"They're not quite as good as the other teams we've played, but having to go down to Gulfport doesn't help us any," Coats said. "Plus, they're going to look at it as their

chance to win a game too because we're 0-3. Both of us are in the same boat there.

"They're not as good as the other three teams we've played. If we play our best, we'll have a chance to win. We've got a lot of kids banged up. That's the thing that concerns us as much as anything now. Both of our tailbacks are hurt. Our nose guard is hurt and a line-backer's hurt. We've got a bunch of

kids that's questionable now. They may be ready Thursday or they may not."

The depth situation at tailback will most likely mean that Jamie Day will play on offense this week. Day, who played sparingly on offense against Copiah-Lincoln in addition to his defensive back chores, missed the Northwest game as the result of a one-game suspension, Coats said.

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EC Warriors Remain Winless

Several turnovers during second half action proved fatal for the East Central Community College Warriors who saw a 12-10 halftime lead turn into a 43-18 deficit to host Gulf Coast Thursday night. The South Division matchup was played at Gulfport High School's Milner Stadium.

With the loss, the Warriors remained winless in four games.

Competition continues to get tougher for EC as the Warriors host Pearl River at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Warrior Stadium. The Wildcats, formerly coached by ECCC head mentor Willie Coats, are 2-2.

EC jumped to an early 7-0 lead against Gulf Coast when quarterback Steven Crotwell of Morton lotted a perfect strike to wide receiver Randy Ellison of Columbus, GA on a 32-yard scoring play. Peyton Weems of Louisville kicked the PAT. The scoring drive began on the Bulldog 32 and was set up by Warrior defender Harold Robert and Robert Yarbrough, both Neshoba Central products, who sacked punter Greg Rudolph for a 12-yard loss.

The first period ended with Warrior defense keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone with a goal line stand.

On EC's next possession, Bulldog defender Jerry Thomas recovered a Warrior fumble on the EC 26, which led to a 13-yard TD pass from QB Mike Pizinski to WR Jason McGill with 10:43 left before halftime. Thompson added the PAT and Gulf Coast led 10-7.

Weems' 27-yard field goal gave EC a 12-10 lead at the 2:58 mark.

EC defender Yarbrough intercepted a deflected Bulldog pass, EC had great field position on the Gulf Coast 30 with just 38 seconds left before the break. The Warriors drove to inside the five-yard line, and Crotwell appeared to have spiked the ball for a timeout with one second remaining. The half ended with the Warriors clinging to a two-point lead.

The third period began with EC moving the ball from its 30 to deep into Warrior territory, until EC defensive back Jamie Day of Neshoba Central nixed the scoring threat by intercepting a pass on the Warrior 10-yard line.

EC was unable to move the ball and Louisville product Lee Wylie's punt gave GC possession on its 20. The Bulldogs began their scoring onslaught.

Bulldog substitute QB Patirck Bartley connected with TE Wendall Davis on a 41 yard pass play, which was fumbled and picked up by teammate Zealy Zones, who rambed 25 yard to paydirt. The two-point conversion failed, but GC regained the lead, 16-12.

The Warrior chance to rally faded as GC converted several EC turnovers into scores.

EC, behind QB Jake Kizziah of Northport, AL, regrouped for an impressive two-play, 81-yard scoring drive climaxed by Stojkovich's 19-yard burst to the endzone. The two-point conversion failed. The scoring march was set up by Ellison's 50-yard run on first down from the EC 19.

After EC received the kickoff, Crotwell proceeded to march the Warriors from their 31 to deep into Bulldog territory. A key completion from Crotwell to former Morton teammate Neal Keeton and hard-nosed running back Marty Stojkovic and running back Freddie May, both of Tuscaloosa, gave EC possession on the Bulldog 18. The Warriors were unable to cash in the scoring opportunity as Weems' 34-yard field goal attempt was wide right.

EC scored on the Bulldogs' next possession, as the Warrior rush, coupled with a low snap to punter Greg Randolph, resulted in a safety which trimmed the Gulf Coast lead to 10-9 with 3:48 remaining before intermission.

Xavier Thomas of Tuscaloosa, EC return specialist, received the kickoff deep in Warrior territory and raced upfield to the Bulldog 42. The Warriors were successful getting on the scoreboard, as

Now 28-18 with 12:31 remaining EC held GC on its next possession and took over the Bulldog punt on its 10-yard line. EC gambled on fourth and one from its 19 with 6:46 left, but Day was stopped short of the first down and GC was primed for another scoring opportunity.

An EC fumble on the ensuing kickoff gave GC another scoring opportunity on the Warrior 34. The final score 43-18.

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East Central CC falls

By JACK SHAW

Pearl River Community College's high powered option offense ran over, around and through East Central Community College in a 58-10 rout in Decatur Thursday night. Pearl River quarterback Jerel Posey, a 6', 190 pound sophomore from Pell City, Ala. led the Wildcats through the air and the ground. Posey gained 81 yards on six rushes and netted 138 yards through the air on 3-6 passing. East Central had a good performance out of quarterback Jake Kizziah. Kizziah completed 10-6 passes for 122 yards including a 40 yard touchdown strike to Tim Livingston off a well executed fake reverse. Livingston caught six passes on the night for 84 yards. Marty Stojkovic gained 41 yards on 12 rushes for the Warriors. Pearl River improved to 3-2 on the season while the Warriors dropped to 0-5.

Pearl River scored on their first three offensive drives of the game. The Wildcat offensive line, averaging 262 pounds, manhandled the Warriors as Pearl River gained 82 yards on 10 carries in the quarter. As East Central brought up run support, quarterback Jerel Posey found easy deep targets against one-on-one coverage by the Warriors. After scoring on a 6 yard keeper to end the first Pearl River drive of the game, Posey found Michael Oatis for a 48 yard touchdown and Tim Pittman for a 42 yard touchdown for Pearl River's second and third scores of the game. In between, East Central mounted a seven play 68 yard drive capped off by the Kizziah to Livingston connection. Marty Stojkovic ran 4 yards for one first down and caught a 10 yard pass for another to keep the drive alive.

East Central finally stopped the

hard to Pearl River CC, 58-10

Wildcats in the second quarter. The Warriors held Pearl River to 78 yards total offense in the quarter. Unfortunately, miscues stopped the Warrior offense as well. Late in the second quarter Eddie Conerly picked up a Warrior fumble on a reverse and ran 13 yards for a touchdown putting Pearl River up 28-7. East Central answered with a last minute scouting drive. The drive was aided by three Pearl River penalties and a 19 yard Kizziah to Ray Ivey pass. The drive stalled however when Kizziah overthrew Livingston in the endzone with nine seconds remaining. The Warriors had to settle for a 39 yard Peyton Weems field goal and went into the locker room trailing 28-10.

Pearl River came out in the second half and immediately took the game away from East Central. The Wildcats took the second half kick-

off and marched 73 yards on nine plays ending with a 5 yard touchdown by Posey. Four plays later, Jarvis Lipscomb picked off a Kizziah pass and ran 38 yards for the score putting Pearl River up 34-10. Pearl River scored one more time in the quarter on a Posey 6 yard keeper; Posey had his hand in five of the Wildcat's six offensive touchdowns. East Central could only muster 14 yards of offense in the quarter.

Freshman quarterback Lance Eichelberger looked sharp and showed a good arm in the fourth quarter. The Forest native connected on a 4-12 passes for 37 yards but could not mount a sustained drive. Pearl River rounded out the scoring for the game on a 10 yard touchdown run by fullback Percy Daniels and a 27 yard field goal by Antonio Carillo. Carillo connected on 8-9 extra points for the Wildcats.

East Central's passing attack looked good at times as Warrior quarterbacks were 18-36 for 197 yards. However, broken plays, sacks and the lack of consistent running game continue to plague the Warriors. The Warriors were held to (-1) yards on 25 rushing plays. On defense, the Warriors showed good effort but breakdowns in coverage and shaky tackling again allowed big plays and a lot of points. Pearl River amassed 484 yards of total offense, 346 coming on the ground on 56 carries.

East Central hopes to bounce back as the Warriors host Northern District foe Itawamba Community College from Fulton. The Warriors will take on the Itawamba Indians in the Homecoming game at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 7.

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East Central looks for first win; EMCC visits Northeast

By Ricky Sullivan

The Meridian Star

When East Central Community College takes to the field Saturday afternoon at 2:30 the Warriors hope to collect that first elusive victory of the 1995 campaign and celebrate Homecoming at the same time.

The Warriors will be trying to bounce back against North Division foe Itawamba Community College from Fulton. The Indians are 3-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in division matchups.

East Miss. at Northeast

Thursday, 7: p.m.

Last week, Pearl River Community College clobbered ECCC 58-10, but the Warriors play throughout the season has caught the eye of

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ICC coach Jay Miller.

"My hat is off to them with the way they are playing because they've had some rotten luck," Miller said. "I'm really impressed with how hard they play every down and when you do that anything can happen, especially with this being their homecoming and all."

East Central got a good performance from quarterback Jake Kizziah last week despite the loss. Kizziah connected on 10-of-16 passes for 122 yards including a 40-yard scoring strike to Tim Livingston on a fake reverse. Livingston finished the night with six catches for 84 yards. Marty Stojkovic rushed for 41 yards on 12 rushes.

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The Indians are coming off of an impressive 42-24 comeback victory over Holmes. ICC trailed at the end of the first period 24-0 before exploding for 42 unanswered points.

"We have the ability to be explosive offensively," Miller said. "We're getting better offensively and coming together as a team after losing our starting quarterback earlier in the year."

Robert Cauldell had stepped in two weeks earlier for starter Ivan Mandale, who had suffered a broken collarbone.

During halftime, the Homecoming court will be presented as well as the 1954-55 basketball team. ECCC will also honor its alumnus and alumna of the year, instructors of the year and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.

■ **East Mississippi at Northeast:** The Lions travel to Booneville Thursday night to tangle with Northeast Community College at 7 p.m. in the Tigers' Homecoming game.

EMCC (2-3) fell last week to Jones by a 32-21 margin while coughing up the football eight

times and losing three. The Bobcats amassed 435 yards total offense and the Lions garnered 297.

"They've been doing the same thing we have been, beating ourselves," NECC coach Gunter Brewer said. "We've been our own worst enemy and the key will be our mental attitude over the final part of our schedule."

The Tigers enter the contest with an 0-5 record after last week's 38-0 loss to Hinds, the nation's No. 1 junior college team. Earlier in the season, the Tigers were out in front of Coahoma by a pair of touchdowns entering the final period only to end up losing 28-24 with Coahoma scoring on a 75-yard trick play and a 88-yard scoring drive.

The last score came with 10 seconds left in the game.

"They've played awful good not to have won a game," EMCC coach Tom Goode said. "They have always gotten up for us, and with this being their homecoming, I don't expect anything less."

"We just need to take care of ourselves and solve our own problems to be successful against Northeast."

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Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star
East Central's Xavier Thomas hopes to find running room against Itawamba.



The Heat Is On

East Central quarterback Jake Kizziah felt the pressure from this Itawamba defender in the Warriors' 34-17 defeat last Saturday at Decatur. EC, winless on the season, faces top-ranked Hinds at Raymond Thursday in a 6:00 p.m. game, photo by Marty Stamper

Itawamba passes ECCCC 34-17

Itawamba freshman quarterback Robert Caldwell of Miami, Florida, passed for four touchdowns and ran for another as the visiting Indians overcame an early deficit to defeat East Central Community College 34-17 Saturday afternoon on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors, winless in six starts, gave the Homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about in the early going when quarterback Steven Crotwell led his team to paydirt on the game's first possession. Crotwell, a sophomore from Morton, capped the 60-yard drive by firing an 11-yard strike to wide receiver Randy Ellison of Columbus, Georgia, with 12:40 still remaining in the first period. Peyton Weems of Louisville missed on his PAT attempt but EC held a 6-0 lead.

The key play of the quick scoring march was a 50-yard completion from Crotwell to receiver Tim Livingston of Carthage which gave EC possession on the Indian 12.

Itawamba, which improved to a 4-2 following the nondivision matchup, answered the Warrior tally on its first play from scrimmage when Caldwell and Franklin Murphy connected on a 37-yard scoring pass play. Kicker Brent Collins missed the PAT and the score was deadlocked at 6-6.

Itawamba took the lead for good later in the first period when Caldwell and receiver Ron Dixon combined talents on a 19-yard scoring pass play. Caldwell ran for the two-point conversion and extended the Indians' lead to 14-6.

Caldwell completed another touchdown strike to receiver David

Godfrey early in the second stanza, climaxing a 57-yard drive. Collins' PAT made the score 21-6.

East Central got on the scoreboard midway in the second quarter when Weems booted a 46-yard field goal to close the scoring gap to 21-9, which remained the score at halftime.

Itawamba put the matchup out of reach in the third period when Caldwell tallied on a one-yard plunge and later connected with Lamont Woodberry for a 19-yard touchdown pass. Following Collins' successful PAT on the latter score, the Indians were out front by a 34-9 margin going into fourth quarter action.

East Central added the game's final points with just under five

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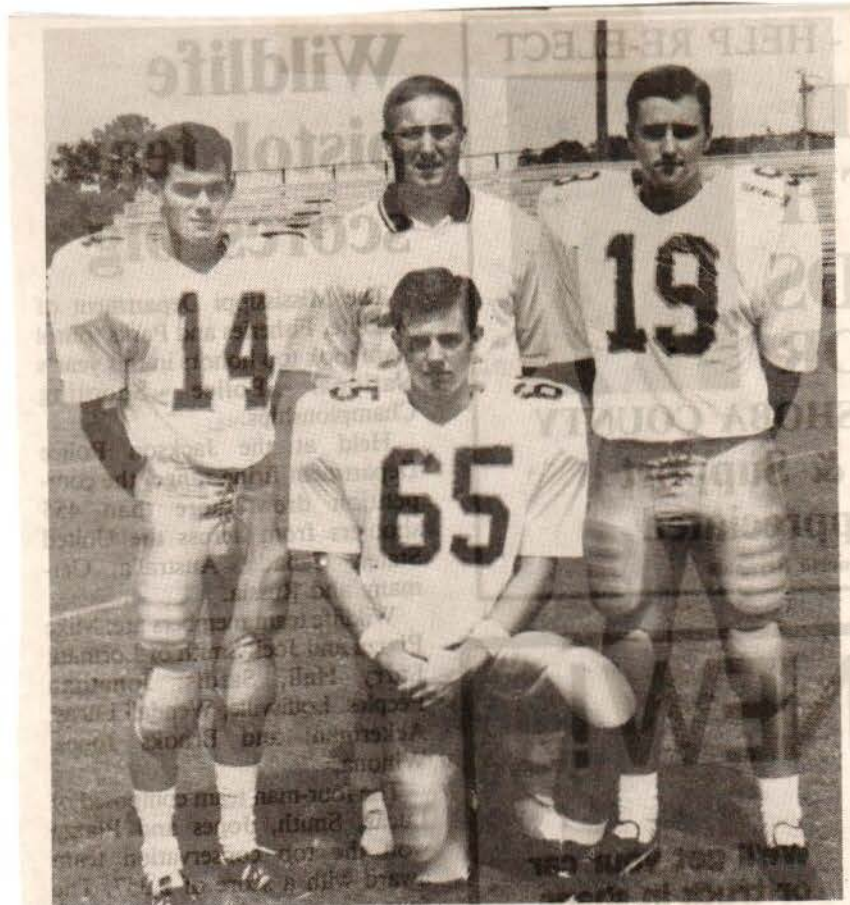
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minutes remaining, when running back Freddie May of Tuscaloosa burst through the Itawamba defense on a 24-yard scamper to paydirt. Quarterback Jake Kizziah connected with Ellison for the two-point conversion, making the final score 34-17.

East Central travels to Hinds this Thursday to challenge the nation's number-one ranked team. The Eagles, 6-0, will observe Homecoming activities in the 6 p.m. contest scheduled on the Raymond campus.



ECCC Kickers... These former Louisville High School standouts are responsible for punting and kicking duties on the 1995 East Central Community College football team. Pictured are (kneeling) snapper Chuck Dunlap and (standing from left) kicker Peyton Weems, special teams coach Terry Underwood and punter Lee Wylie.

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Warriors face No. 1 Hinds CC

By **Ricky Sullivan**

The Meridian Star

After remaining winless in the first six contest of the season, things don't get any easier for the Warriors of East Central Community College Saturday when they visit the campus of Hinds Community College. Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m.

The Eagles are ranked No. 1 in the nation in the junior college poll with a perfect 6-0 overall record and 3-0 South Division mark.

"They've got an outstanding football team from top to bottom, starting with their big offensive line," ECCC coach Willie "Tenny" Coats said. "They also have a strong defense and they've got an excellent kicker and punter. They are strong everywhere. It's going to be a challenge."

Hinds enters the contest averaging 376 yards total offense per game and scoring at a 36.5 points per game clip, while the defense allows only 195 total yards per outing and a stingy 9.3 points per game.

The Eagles soared over Copiah Lincoln 40-0 last week to keep their unbeaten mark intact. The Warriors fell to CO-Lin in the second game of the season 17-13.

Leaders for Hinds in that contest were quarterback Fred Taylor who connected on 11-of-14 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receiver James Jones was on the receiving end of both those scoring tosses and finished with 13 catches for 158. Tailback Sedric Moore paced the Eagles ground attack with 82 yards on 13 carries.

"Anything can happen and we'll go in the game with that kind of attitude and see," Coats said. "We've got a good group of kids with no quit in them and I told them that this is a chance for us to be heard from Maine to San Diego to Florida to Texas. We'll be heard about all over the country if that happens and after what happened last week in Division 1, it's possible."

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ECCC Football Team...

Members of the 1995 East Central Community College Warrior football team include: (first row, from left) wide receiver Rakeem Mahogany, Birmingham; wide receiver Randy Ellison, Columbus, Georgia; running back Coby Miller, Louisville; running back Marty Stojkovic, Tuscaloosa; defensive back Ashanti Webb, Tampa, Florida; running back Gary Rutledge, LaGrange, Georgia; defensive back Chad Clark, Philadelphia; defensive back Mark Thomas, Tuscaloosa; linebacker Kemba Bryant, Riverdale, Georgia; quarterback Steven Crotwell, Morton; quarterback Lance Eichelberger, Jackson Academy/Forest; kicker Peyton Weems, Louisville; and manager Alan Ware, Union; (second row, from left) running back Xavier Thomas, Tuscaloosa; quarterback Jake Kissiah, Northport, Alabama; punter Lee Wylie, Louisville; defensive back Robert Yarbrough, Neshoba Central; defensive back Marcus Green, Holt, Alabama; defensive back Edwin Moore, Noxapater; tight end Ray Ivy, Louisville; running back Freddie May, Tuscaloosa; defensive back Charlie Harris, Lake; wide receiver Tim Livingston, Carthage; defensive back Jamie Day, Neshoba Central; linebacker Jeff Russell, Tuscaloosa; defensive lineman Earl Truss, Carthage; and manager Patrick Bacon, Thomastown; (third row, from left) running back Steven Bradford,

Scott Central; running back Kylie Moody, Louisville; running back Brian Sims, Winston Academy; linebacker Jimmy Kincaid, Morton; linebacker Neal Keeton, Morton; linebacker William Mayes, Birmingham; linebacker Kevin Blanks, Meridian; center DeMarcus Holmes, Louisville; linebacker Bryan Taylor, Meridian; strong guard Chad McBride, Tuscaloosa; strong tackle Ryan Stokley, Morton; and strong guard Jack Matheny, Hattiesburg; (fourth row, from left) strong guard Brad Jackson, Opelika, Alabama; snapper Chucky Dunlap, Louisville; strong tackle Rocky Smith, Northport, Alabama; strong tackle Anthony Johnson, Morton; strong guard Russell McCann, Newton County Academy; defensive lineman Jimmy McWilliams, Neshoba Central; center Letrail Cistrunk, Louisville; defensive lineman Steve Ricks, Carthage; strong tackle Nepo Scott, Demopolis; strong guard Allen Tucker, Neshoba Central; wide receiver Calvin Williams, Wingfield/Carthage; tight end Chas Scelfo, Lafayette, Louisiana; defensive lineman Chris Luckett, Carthage; and manager Jim Stewart, Quitman; and (fifth row, from left) assistant coaches Terry Underwood, Stacy Sizemore and Fredrick Lyons; defensive lineman Tyquan Taylor, Louisville; defensive lineman Frank Chenevert, Alexandria, Louisiana; linebacker Harold Roberts, Neshoba Central; assistant coaches Kelvin Lyon and Timmy Coats; and head coach Willie Coats.

(EC Photo)

Jones rally keeps ECCC winless

By JACK SHAW

Something about Jones County Junior College seems to bring out the best in East Central Community College football. In the past three years the Warriors have brought a combined 1-21-1 record into the games with Jones. In each of those years an inspired effort by East Central has given the heavily favored JCJC Bobcats fits. In 1993 and 1994 the Warriors fell to the Bobcats 24-10 and 36-29. This past Saturday in Ellisville the Warriors took a 10-9 lead into the lockerroom before bowing to Jones 31-10.

East Central came out strong in the first quarter. The Warriors started the game with an eight play, 58-yard drive highlighted by a 25-yard pass from quarterback Jake Kizziah to running back Freddie May on the first offense play. The

drive stalled on the 24 yard line, and Peyton Weems missed on a 41 yard field goal that appeared to be partially blocked. East Central controlled the momentum throughout the quarter as the Warriors out gained the Bobcats 128 yards to 78 yards. However, neither team could score in the period. The East Central defense also rose to the occasion making an inspired goal line stand midway through the period. The Warriors held the Bobcats on two runs from the two yard line. On third down Ashanti Webb broke up a Bobcat pass in the corner of the endzone. The Warriors then came up with their first big special teams of the day when they blocked Jade Stillings' 20-yard field goal attempt.

The Warriors got on the scoreboard first in the second

quarter with a blocked punt returned for 18 yards for a touchdown by Marcus Ward. However, the big play again haunted East Central. After being pinned down on the four yard line, following a JC punt Jake Kizziah was sacked in the end zone for a safety. Lee Wylie's ensuing free kick was returned to the Warrior 27 yard line. On the next play, Bobcat quarterback Unrickay Hall found Yamani Adams down the sideline for the go-ahead score. On the next drive East Central answered the Jones score with a 11 play, 59-yard drive culminating in a 28-yard Weems field goal. The Warriors kept the big and aggressive Bobcat defensive front (led by Detrick Liston, a 6-7, 265 pound defensive end) on their heels with a lot of misdirection. Two Kizziah to Ray Ivey passes of 19 and 11 yards were keys to the drive. The Bobcat took the ensuing kickoff and marched to the Warrior nine yard line. Again the Warrior defense came up with a big goal line stand. Webb made another big goal line play when he stopped Hall at the one yard line on third down. Stillings then missed on a 19-yard field goal and East Central ran out the clock to end the half up 10-9.

East Central again allowed momentum to shift early in the third quarter. Adams returned Weems' second half kickoff to the 46 and from there the Bobcats marched 54 yards in six plays ending in a two yard touchdown run by Norris Miller. Hall found Adams in the endzone for the two point conversion to put the Bobcats up 17-10. The two teams traded interceptions and punts before East Central mounted a long drive in the latter

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half of the quarter. The Warrior drive gained 70 yards on 15 plays but was stopped when East Central could not score on three successive runs from the one yard line. May was stopped by Bobcat defensive lineman David Biles on the fourth down. The Bobcats broke the game open on the next drive when Hall again found his favorite target - Adams - across the middle for 86

yards to the Warrior six. Norris Miller scored the touchdown on the next play for JCJC.

Early in the fourth quarter the Bobcats capitalized on an East Central fumble and drove 45 yards on five plays capped off by Miller's third touchdown run, this time from 16 yards out. Stillings was good on the point after to put the Bobcats up 31-10. In the last minute of play, Lance Eichelberger came in as quarterback and brought the Warriors close to another score. Eichelberger hit Randy Ellison for 38 yards and Tim Livingston for 40

yards to take the Warriors to the Bobcat eight yard line. Eichelberger was sacked for a 15 yard loss on the next play. Time ran out after Eichelberger hit Tim Livingston on a five yard pass.

The Warriors will again search for their first win of the season when they entertain Southwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday night at Warrior Field in Decatur. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

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claims first win of season

"Unless you are a player or a coach you really can't understand what a great thrill this is ... I'm excited for the players. They have worked hard and done everything we have asked of them."

Willie Coats

line.

Coats pulled a play out of his bag of tricks, running a reverse to Calvin Williams who went virtually untouched into the end zone.

"We hadn't been getting a whole lot done up the middle and we knew that they would be blitzing with a lot of men on the line of scrimmage," Coats said. "We took a chance and the offense executed the play perfectly."

"Calvin has a lot of speed and we thought that if he could get around the end that he could score."

After the two teams traded punts the Warrior defense did what they did the entire second half. They came up with the big play as Marcus Ward

recovered a fumble by Head and gave the ball back to the offense with the ball on their own 43 yard line.

The East Central offense was not to be denied as they converted on their third consecutive fourth down situation when fullback Marty Stojvoich plowed through the line getting two yards for the first down to keep the drive alive.

Freshman running back Steven Bradford found a hole in the Bear defense as he rambled for 19 yards giving East Central first and goal from the 1 yard line.

On third and inches, tailback Freddie May plunged for his second touchdown of the ballgame.

Peyton Weems added the point after and gave the Warriors the lead at 21-14 with 11:09 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Warrior defense forced yet another turnover when Ashanti Webb recovered a Head fumble on the 50 yard line.

East Central's defense came up big for the Warriors in the second half as they pitched a shutout and held Southwest to a mere 65 total yards in the half with only five first downs.

East Central

By **Mark Beason**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — It was the same verse all over again as the Warriors of East Central did exactly what they did last year — breaking an eight-game losing streak versus Southwest.

Last year the Warriors started out 0-8 and all hopes of a win looked bleak until they beat the Bears of Southwest Community College 38-20 in Summitt.

It has happened again this year as the Warriors got their first win of the year with a 24-14 victory over the Bears at Warrior field.

"Unless you are a player or a coach you really can't understand what a great thrill this is," East Central head coach Willie Coats said. "I'm excited for the players. They have worked hard and done everything we have asked of them."

The Warriors held a 7-6 lead when the Bears mounted a first half-ending drive culminating in a 29-yard touchdown strike from Al Head to Colby Walker with 15 seconds remaining.

Stacey Mack ran in for the two point conversion

and the Bears were up 14-7.

The Warriors had the ball to start the second half but the Bear defense held on to set up a fourth down and 20. But then a coach's worst nightmare happened as the Warriors were given new life when Southwest was called for roughing the kicker, giving East Central an automatic first down.

"That play was the key play in the ball game," Coats said. "It turned things around."

East Central then drove the ball deep in Bear territory but the drive had apparently stalled out as they Warriors were faced with a fourth down and three yards to go on the Southwest 12 yard

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ECCC Football Coaches.....Football coaches at East Central Community College for the 1995 campaign include (kneeling) head coach Willie J. "Tenny" Coats and (standing from left) assistant coaches Timmy Coats, Kelvin Lyon, Terry Underwood, Fredrick Lyons and Stacy Sizemore.

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Warriors break winless drought with 24-14

Plagued throughout most of the season by costly turnovers, an inconsistent offense and a defense that simply wore out in second half action, the East Central Community College Warriors found a way to eliminate those former maladies to earn their first victory of the '95 campaign, a 24-14 decision over Southwest Thursday night in Decatur.

Following the win, EC improved 1-8 overall and 1-5 in South Division play, while Southwest dropped to 3-6 and 1-5.

The secret to their new-found success?

"Just staying focused, working hard and never giving up," said first-year head coach Willie Coats who claimed his initial victory as the Warrior boss.

This time it was East Central which converted turnovers into points (10); it was East Central - led throughout by quarterback Jake Kizziah of Northport, Ala. - which "found" itself offensively, even to the point of successfully converting three fourth down situations, and it was East Central which also "found" itself defensively, making quarterback sacks and shutting out an opponent in the second half for the first time this season.

The Warrior defense can be credited with setting the tone for the division battle, although prior to kickoff it appeared mother nature may dictate playing conditions as rain fell before the 6:30 p.m. contest.

But the rains stopped just in time for Southwest to give a scare to the Warrior faithful when return

specialist Derrie Vernon returned the opening kickoff 70 yards to the EC 25. However, the Warrior defense stiffened and East Central took over on downs without allowing Southwest to gain a yard.

Just like the Bears, the Warriors had trouble moving the pigskin in the early going, but on their third possession the Kizziah-led offense began to click, resulting in a 15-yard touchdown toss from the freshman signal caller to freshman running back Freddie May of Tuscaloosa. Sophomore placekicker Peyton Weems booted the PAT, giving EC a 7-0 lead with 2:27 left in the initial period.

Key plays during the 73-yard drive included a 21-yard pass from Kizziah to freshman tight end Ray Ivy of Louisville, which moved the pigskin to the Southwest 40, and May's successful run on fourth and two which gave EC possession on the Bears' 17-yard-line.

Southwest would later answer the Warrior score early in the second quarter on quarterback Al Head's 39-yard scamper to paydirt. Placekicker Jonathan Parker missed the PAT, allowing the Warriors to cling to a 7-6 advantage.

After an exchange of punts, Southwest took the first-half lead when Head lofted a 29-yard strike to tight end Coby Walker with just 16 seconds remaining before intermission. Running back Stacy Mack crossed the goal line to give the Bears a 14-7 lead.

Unlike previous matchups, this time the third and fourth quarters belonged to the Warriors, who began second-half action by marching 67-yards for the game-tying

score. The tally came on a 12-yard end around by freshman wide receiver Calvin Williams of Carthage on a fourth and two situation midway through the stanza. Weems' PAT deadlocked the contest, and the Warriors never trailed from this point.

Key plays during the drive included a roughing-the-punter (Lee Wylie of Louisville) call against the Bears and a 27-yard reception from Kizziah to Williams to the Southwest 20.

After an exchange of punts, East Central regained the lead when May

found the endzone on a one-yard burst early in the final stanza. Weems' PAT extended the margin to 21-14.

The 43-yard march was set up a Southwest fumble which was recovered by freshman linebacker Marcus Ward of Columbus. During the drive, sophomore fullback Marty Stojkovic of Tuscaloosa gained a first down fourth and one from the Bears' and freshman running back Ste Bradford of Scott Central rushed yards to the Southwest one, setting up the easy score.

win over Southwest

East Central put the game "on ice" with just over six minutes remaining when Weems' connected on a 34-yard field goal. The scoring opportunity was set up when freshman defender Marcus Ward of Tuscaloosa intercepted a Southwest pass and returned the pigskin to the Bears' 33-yard line.

Statistically, EC had 14 first downs and amassed 279 total yards. Kizziah completed six of 17 passes for 89 yards and one touchdown, while May led EC rushers with 78 yards on 24 carries and two touchdowns.

Southwest had 10 first downs and 226 total yards. Head completed six of 17 passes for 75 yards and one touchdown. He was also the Bears' leading rusher with 103 yards on 14 carries and one score.

East Central will close out '95 action by hosting East Mississippi Thursday night. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium. The Lions bring a 5-4 record into the nondivision matchup. The game is also ECCC's "Be Our Guest" night, as area high school students will be admitted free of charge to the contest.

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East Central wins thriller over East Mississippi, 29-28

By **Ricky Sullivan**

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The scene turned ugly at Warrior Field Thursday night, about as ugly as it could get after an exciting, organized football game.

East Central Community College came from behind to upset visiting East Mississippi 29-28 in a close, down-to-the-wire victory before both benches cleared in a free for all brawl. And when the two teams were finally separated, a pair of Warrior players lay injured on the field and had to be loaded on stretchers and taken by ambulances to a hospital with concussions.

"We are happy and proud as we can be about the win, but at the same time we are saddened by what occurred after the game," Warrior coach Willie "Tenny" Coats said. "We're really sad that a great football game was brought down by something similar to a back alley brawl."

ECCC finished with a pair of victories to end the 1995 campaign on a positive note with a 2-8 overall record. EMCC slipped to 5-5.

It really was a great contest from start to finish as both teams battled until the very end with neither team showing any signs of quitting. But the Warriors managed to score a pair of late touchdowns on scoring strikes of 8 and 7 yards from backup quarterback Steven Crotwell to tight end Ray Ivy to capture the win.

The game really wasn't decided, however, until EMCC quarterback Donald Green attempted to stop the clock with seven seconds left by throwing the football into the ground. But the referees ruled the pass a lateral and William Mayes claimed the loose pigskin for the Warriors.

"I'm really proud of our players for the way they never quit," Coats said. "They just refused to lose."

The fourth quarter turned out to be a wild one as the Lions started the action by taking a 22-9 lead on the first play of the final stanza when Green connected with Quincy Jackson from 20 yards out with EMCC facing a 4th-and-

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18. Adam Smith missed the kick with 14:53 left.

The Warriors answered rather quickly as Coby Miller, a Louisville product, took the ensuing kickoff and scampered 78 yards for a touchdown. Peyton Weems, another Louisville product, booted the point after and ECCC trailed by a 22-16 count.

EMCC responded with a brief 4-play, 66-yard scoring drive. Shamark Spann collected the honors with a 13-yard run with 12:46 left in the game. The two-point try failed, leaving the Lions with a 28-16 lead.

The two teams swapped possession at that point until the Crotwell and Ivy connection went to work. The Warriors trimmed the Lion lead to 28-22 with 3:57 remaining in the contest on an 8-yard scoring strike. Weems' kick was blocked.

Jamie Day, a Philadelphia graduate, set up what turned out to be the Warriors' winning scoring drive by recovering the ensuing onside kick.

The Crotwell to Ivy scoring tandem hooked up again with 1:15 left as Ivy literally stole what appeared to be an interception by EMCC defensive back Tommy Cribbs for a 7-yard touchdown. Weems nailed the extra point and the Warriors

held a 29-28 advantage.

Ivy also made a great catch for a 20-yard gain on a 4th-and-10 situation earlier in the game-winning drive.

The Lions didn't give up, however, as they quickly gobbed up real estate - in five plays - down to the ECCC 3-yard line before the controversial fumble ended the threat.

"Our quarterback was just trying to stop the clock and the referee called it a fumble is all I know," EMCC coach Tom Goode said. "I just don't understand the call."

The Warriors captured an early 3-0 lead in the first quarter on a Weems' 31-yard field goal.

The Lions answered seven plays later when Green connected with Jackson on a 40-yard touchdown pass. Spann ran for two and EMCC held an 8-3 advantage with 6:19 left in the first.

ECCC held a 9-8 halftime lead as Freddie May scored from 25-yards out and the try for two failed. A big play in the drive came when starting quarterback Jake Kizziah hit a streaking Calvin Williams for a 51-yard gain.

East Miss captured a 16-9 lead in the third quarter as Mike Duck scampered 13 yards to paydirt on a 4th-and-2 play.

Then came the explosive final period.

Duck finished with 192 yards rushing on 22 carries.

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Day, Roberts among EC football players receiving postseason honors

Jamie Day and Harold Roberts are among four East Central Community College Warriors chosen to play in the Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic Saturday at Booneville.

Day, a 5-foot-11 defensive back, and Roberts, a 5-foot-10, 250-pound linebacker, both played high school ball at Neshoba Central.

Also selected from the Warriors 2-8 squad were linebacker William Mayes (6-3, 244) of Roosevelt, Ala., and fullback Marty Stojkovic (5-11, 230) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The annual North-South showdown is set for 1 p.m. at Keenum Stadium on the campus of Northeast Mississippi Community College.

The South will be without the members of the state champion Hinds squad as they will be playing Blinn (Texas) in the Texas Shrine Bowl that same day. Unbeaten Blinn is ranked first in the NJCAA, while 10-1 Hinds is No. 4.

Stojkovic was also named first team all-state along with teammate Kemba Bryant, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound linebacker from Riverdale, Ga. Bryant led the state in tackles with 119.

Day and Mayes were selected second team all-state along with strong guard Chad McBride (6-1, 260) of Tuscaloosa.

Roberts is joined on the honorable mention all-state team by center DeMarcus Holmes (5-10, 240), tight end Ray Ivy (6-1, 240), kicker Peyton Weems (5-8, 128), and punter Lee Wylie (5-10, 174), all of Louisville; wide receiver Tim Livingston (5-10, 157) of

Leake Academy; linebacker Neal Keeton (6-0, 225) of Morton; strong tackle Nepo Scott (6-0, 270) of Demopolis, Ala.; running back Freddie May (5-10, 223) of Tuscaloosa; defensive back Marcus Green (6-0, 171) of Tuscaloosa; and defensive back Ashanti Webb (6-0, 175) of Tampa, Fla.



Harold Roberts
(5-10, 250)
Linebacker



Jamie Day
(5-11, 195)
Defensive back

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TOURNAMENT RUNNERS-UP - "Power Rangers" finished second in the flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Tommy Alford of Philadelphia, Travis Mizell of Carthage, Bruce Posey of Philadelphia, Bart Gregory and Jeremy Nowell, both of Louisville; Gregg Perkins of Carthage and (standing from left) Justin Walley of Philadelphia, Corey Alford of Forest, Mike Donovan of Enterprise, Chad Cannon of Philadelphia, Brad Sigrest of Forest and Brad Babb of Morton. (EC Photo)

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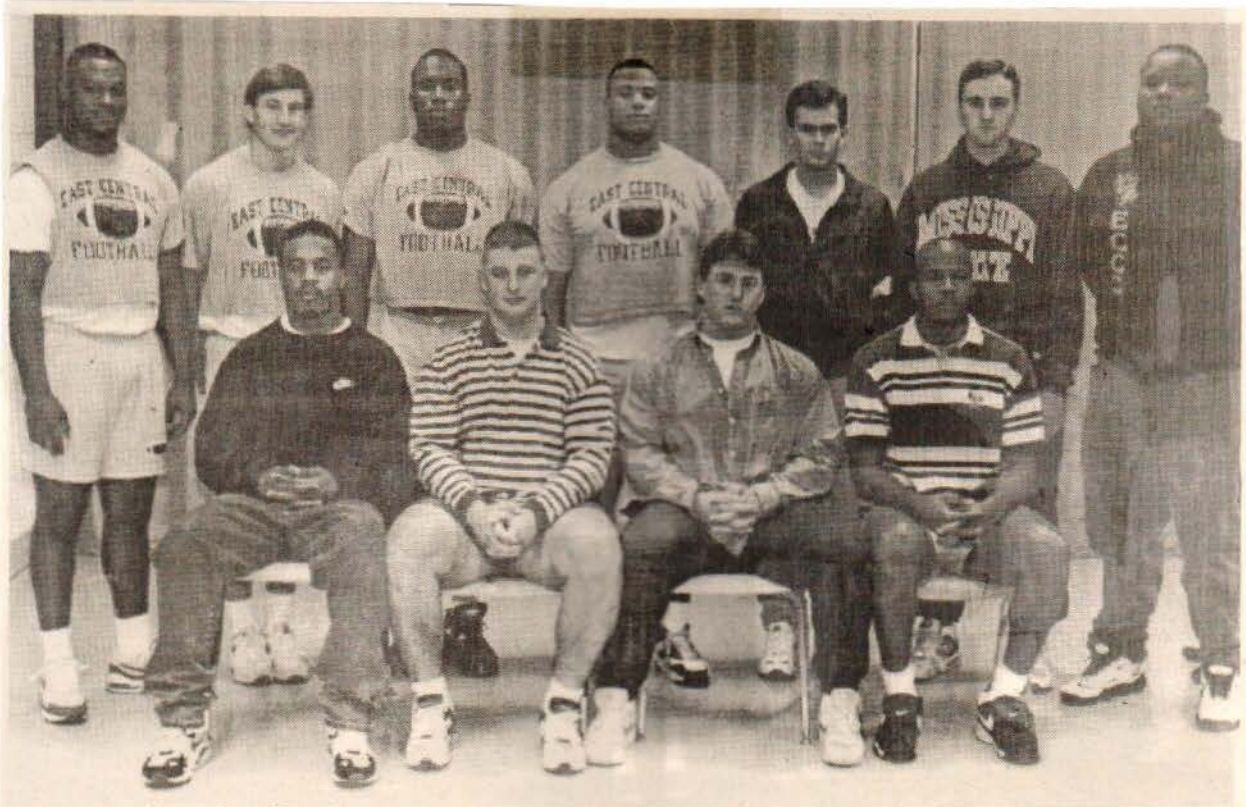


ECCC FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPS - Winning top honors in the flag football competition at East Central Community College in Decatur were members of a team named "Killer Bees" who include (kneeling from left) Richard Givens of Meridian, Bert Melendez of Vardaman, Rio Loving of Louisville, Dede Beamon of Lawrence and (standing from left) Karlos Kincaid of Louisville, Andre Williams of Thomasville, Alabama; Stacey Williams of Forest and Jimmy McWilliams and Gabe Scott, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Willie Ware of Newton. (EC Photo)

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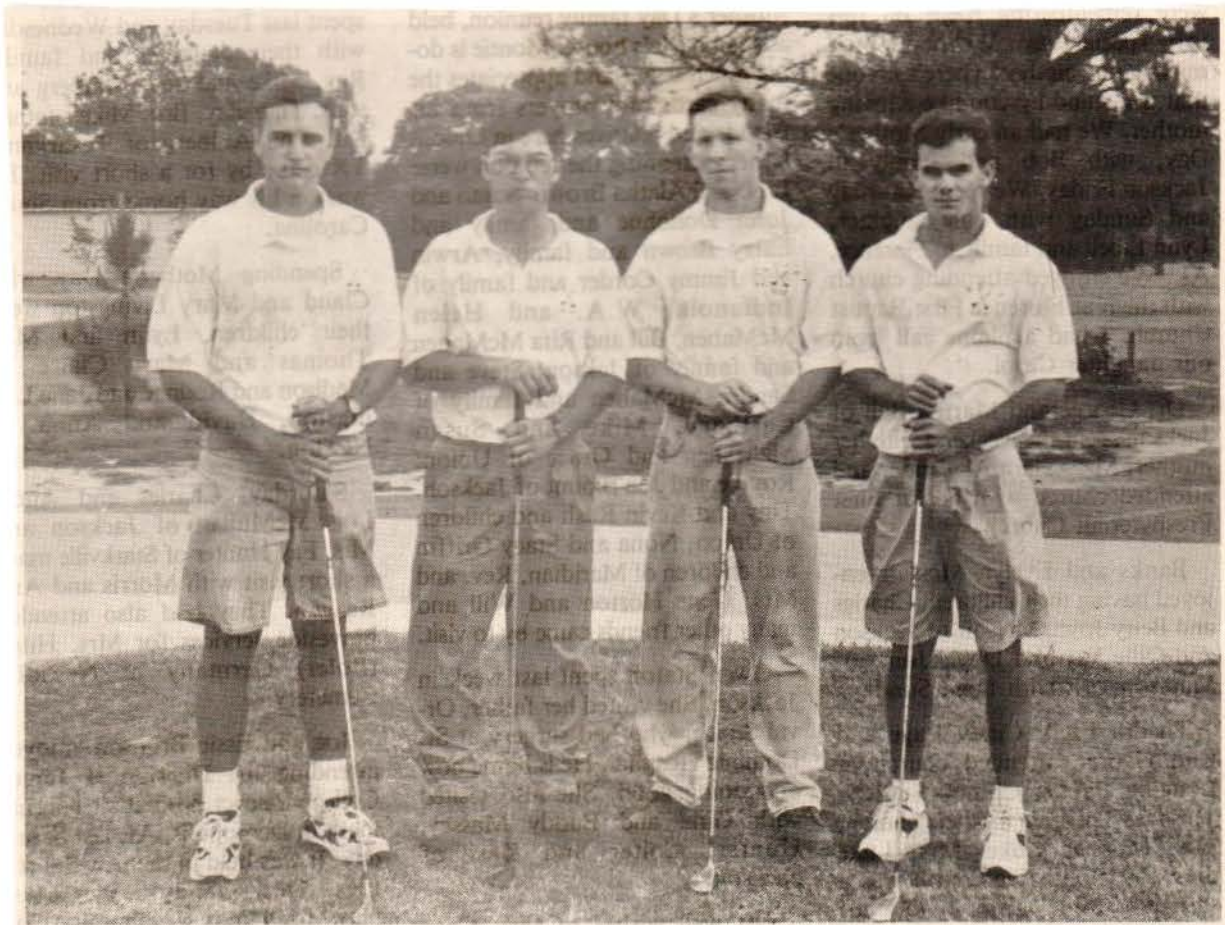
Members of the East Central Community College football team receiving various honors following the 1995 campaign, included, from left, front, Jamie Day of Neshoba Central, All-Star, second team All-State; Chad McBride of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Central, second team All-State; Marty Stojkovic, Tuscaloosa Central, All-Star, first team All-State;

Kemba Bryant of Riverwood, GA, first team All-State, back, honorable mention All-State, Freddie May of Tuscaloosa Central, wide receiver Tim Livingston of Carthage, Neal Keeton of Morton, Wilbert Holmes of Louisville, Peyton Weems, Louisville, Lee Wylie, Louisville, and Nepo Scott of Demopolis, AL.

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ECCC Golf Team... Another successful campaign was registered by members of the East Central Community College golf team which placed fifth in state tournament action. Team members include (from left) Lee Wylie of Louisville; Stephen Clark of Union and Dow Thomas and Peyton Weems, both of Louisville. Not pictured are Ryan Henry of Union and Russell Adams of Meridian. Wylie was selected Player of the Year in Division III and Weems was named All-Region 23 and All-State. He also qualified to compete in the NJCAA Tournament scheduled in Greensboro, North Carolina, June 4-8, 1995. Wylie was named ECCC's most valuable player. The golfers are coached by Joe Clark.

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Outstanding ECCC golfers — Louisville High School products Lee Wylie (l) and Peyton Weems received various golf team honors which were presented during the annual sports awards activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wylie was named Golfer of the Year in Division III and was selected East Central's most valuable player. Weems was named to the All-Region 23 and All-State teams. He also qualified to compete in the NJCAA Golf Tournament held last week in Greensboro, N.C. The two freshman are also cousins and helped lead the Warriors to a third place finish in the MACJC Division III State Tournament. The ECCC golf team is coached by Joe Clark.

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ECCC softball team

Members of the East Central Community College women's softball team for the 1995 campaign include, from left, front, Joanie Winstead, Leake Academy; Chiquita Hickmon, Union; Melissa Loper and Becky Luke, both of Newton County; Tabatha Gainey, Leake Academy; Christy Madison, Neshoba Central; Keisha Coleman, Louisville; back, manager

Jason Vanderpoorten, Newton; Davita Morris, Neshoba Central; Eugenia Joe, Choctaw Central; Mim Gordon and Shannon Harrison, both of Union; Chasity Bounds, Newton Academy; Tawanna Carter, Union; Tish Vance, Newton Academy; and manager Ryan Buteaux, Newton.

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Lady Warriors begin softball season

Defending North Division champions East Central Community College will begin 1995 softball action by traveling to Holmes Community College for a 3 p.m. double-header start on the Goodman campus.

The Lady Warriors, who posted a 25-15 mark last season in just their second year of competition, feature five returnees including All-Region 23 and All-State outfielder Tish Vance of Newton County Academy and infielder Eugenia Joe of Choctaw Central; and All-State selections Melissa Loper (pitcher) and Becky Luke (infielder), both of Newton County High School. Other sophomores include returning outfielder Tawanna Carter of Union and first-year player Davita Morris, an outfielder from Neshoba Central.

Freshmen include outfielders Chiquita Hickmon and Mim Gordon, both of Union, Christy Madison of Neshoba Central and Joanie Winstead of Leake Academy; infielders Tabatha Gainey of Leake Academy and Chasity Bounds of Newton County Academy; catcher Keisha Coleman of Louisville and pitcher Shannon Harrison of Union.

Head coach Mike Anderson said he expects another successful campaign from this year's squad, which now competes in the South Division.

"I feel real confident about this team. We have several talented athletes and should do very well.



ECCC Softball Team... Above are members of the East Central Community College women's softball team for the 1995 campaign. Pictured are (kneeling from left) outfielder Joanie Winstead, Leake Academy; outfielder Chiquita Hickmon, Union; pitcher Melissa Loper and infielder Becky Luke, both of Newton County; infielder Tabatha Gainey, Leake Academy; outfielder Christy Madison, Neshoba Central; catcher Keisha Coleman, Louisville; and (standing from left) manager Jason Vanderpoorten, Newton; outfielder Davita Morris, Neshoba Central; infielder Eugenia Joe, Choctaw Central; outfielder Mim Gordon and pitcher Shannon Harrison, both of Union; infielder Chasity Bounds, Newton Academy; outfielder Tawanna Carter, Union; infielder Tish Vance, Newton Academy; and manager Ryan Buteux, Newton. The Lady Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson.

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We have several talented athletes and should do very well. I'm just ready to start the season and see how we fare against the competition," Anderson said.

East Central Community College 1995 Women's Softball Schedule

Tish Vance of Newton County Academy and infielder Eugenia Joe of Choctaw Central; and All-State selections Melissa Loper (pitcher) and Becky Luke (infielder), both of Newton County High School. Other

sophomores include returning outfielder Tawanna Carter of Union and first-year player Davita Morris, an outfielder from Neshoba Central.

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9	Northwest	Home	3:00
	Spring Break		
20	Delta	Away	3:00
22	Holmes	Home	3:00
23	Northwest	Away	3:30
25	Hinds Tourn.	Raymond	9:00
28	Gulf Coast	Home	3:00
30	Jones	Away	3:30
31	Iowa Western	Home	2:00
APRIL			
3	Hinds	Home	3:30
4	Co-Lin	Away	3:30
6	Pearl River	Away	2:30
8	Northeast Tourn.	Booneville	
11	Co-Lin	Home	3:30
12	Gulf Coast	Away	2:30
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19	Hinds	Away	3:30
20	Jones	Home	3:30
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ECCC SOFTBALL WINNERS - recipients of softball team awards presented at East Central Community College include (seated from left) Tawanna Carter of Union and Joanie Winstead of Carthage, Coach's Award; Chasly Bounds of Lawrence, All Region 23; Shannon Harrison of Union, most improved player; and (back row, from left) Manager Ryan Buteaux of Lawrence, co-award winner, most valuable person; Tish Vance of Little Rock, offensive award, All Region 23 and All-State; and manager Jason Vanderporten of Newton, co-award winner, most valuable person. The Lady Warriors, coached by Mike Anderson, finished the 1995 campaign with a 28-24 record and a fourth place finish in state tournament action. (EC Photo)

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ECCC signs six softball recruits

East Central Community College softball coach Mike Anderson announced the signing of six recruits this past week.

Clarkdale catcher/first baseman Robin Burkes heads the list along with Neshoba Central outfielder Olivia McDaniel.

Carthage's Stephanie Houston, Edinburg's April Sanderson, Sebastopol's Margaret Ann Vance and Leake Academy's Allison McPhail rounded out the group of signees.

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Outfielder Olivia McDaniel of Neshoba Central recently signed a softball scholarship with East Central Community College. McDaniel is pictured with EC coach Mike Anderson. She will participate in the high school all-star game in early July.

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Jessica Anderson of Choctaw Central recently signed a softball scholarship with East Central Community College. An outfielder, she is the daughter of Roger and Sarine Anderson of Conehatta. Also pictured is EC coach Mike Anderson.

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Vance Signs with ECCC... Margaret Ann Vance of Sebastopol recently signed a softball scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Vance, an infielder, is shown with her mother, Dianne Vance, and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson during signing ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus.

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Olivia McDaniel will take her softball skills to East Central Community College.

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McDaniel's 'mean streak' stuff legends are made of

By **A. Stacy Long**

The Meridian Star

Ty Cobb stories are legendary.

The Georgia Peach was notorious for his competitiveness, for his aggressiveness.

Olivia McDaniel is almost in the same category.

"I've got a reputation of being real mean," said McDaniel, a Neshoba Central High graduate.

"I let it go off the court or the field, but it shows when I'm playing."

McDaniel, who will play both basketball and softball at East Central Community College, is scheduled to take part in the Mississippi High School All-Star Softball Game on July 8 at Hinds Community College's Raymond campus.

Don't look for any new chapters to be written for her 'rep.'

"I'm more aggressive in basketball," McDaniel said. "I got a technical once because a girl fell on me."

"She stole the ball from me and fell down," she said. "I held on to her leg on purpose."

In hoops, McDaniel averaged 10.9 points per game for the Rockets, who were 20-11.

On the diamond, the outfielder led Neshoba Central in runs batted in and home runs, and batted more than .500.

The Rockets, in their third year as a program, were 7-9.

Meet the stars

This is the 18th in a series of articles about the area prep athletes who are participating in all-star games this summer.

Who: Olivia McDaniel.

What: Mississippi High School All-Star Softball Game.

Where: Hinds Community College.

When: July 8, 2 p.m.

Tomorrow's star: Deann Frazier.

"We've kind of grew up together," Neshoba Central coach Billy Smith said. "She's been in the basketball program since seventh grade and played every year of softball."

"I wish I had 100 more like her."

McDaniel was the Rockets' most valuable player in both sports, sharing the basketball honor.

She was named All-District in both, and is the first Neshoba Central softball player to make the All-Stars.

"I probably enjoy basketball more," McDaniel said. "It's just a little more competitive and physical than softball."

In softball, 'The Big O' played left-center field for Neshoba. This summer, she's playing right for her league team.



Signs softball scholarship

Margaret Ann Vance of Sebastopol recently signed a softball scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Vance, an infielder, is shown with her mother, Dianne Vance, and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson during signup ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus.

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Olivia McDaniel of Neshoba Central will become the first Neshoba Countian to participate in the Coca-Cola All-Star Girls Softball Games Saturday. The best-of-three series will begin at 2 p.m. at Hinds Community College in Raymond. McDaniel will play on the North team. McDaniel has signed softball and basketball scholarships with East Central Community College.

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Former Lady Wildcat signs ECCC scholarship — Pheebe Lockett of Louisville has signed a softball scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Looking on during signing ceremonies is ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson. Lockett, an outfielder, helped lead the Lady Wildcats to the State Class 4A championship last fall. She is the daughter of the late Annette Miller and the granddaughter of Katie Miller of Louisville.

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Anderson Signs With ECCC... Jessica Anderson of Choctaw Central High School recently signed a softball scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Anderson, an outfielder, is shown with ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson during signing ceremonies held on the Decatur campus. She is the daughter of Roger and Sarine Anderson of Conehatta.

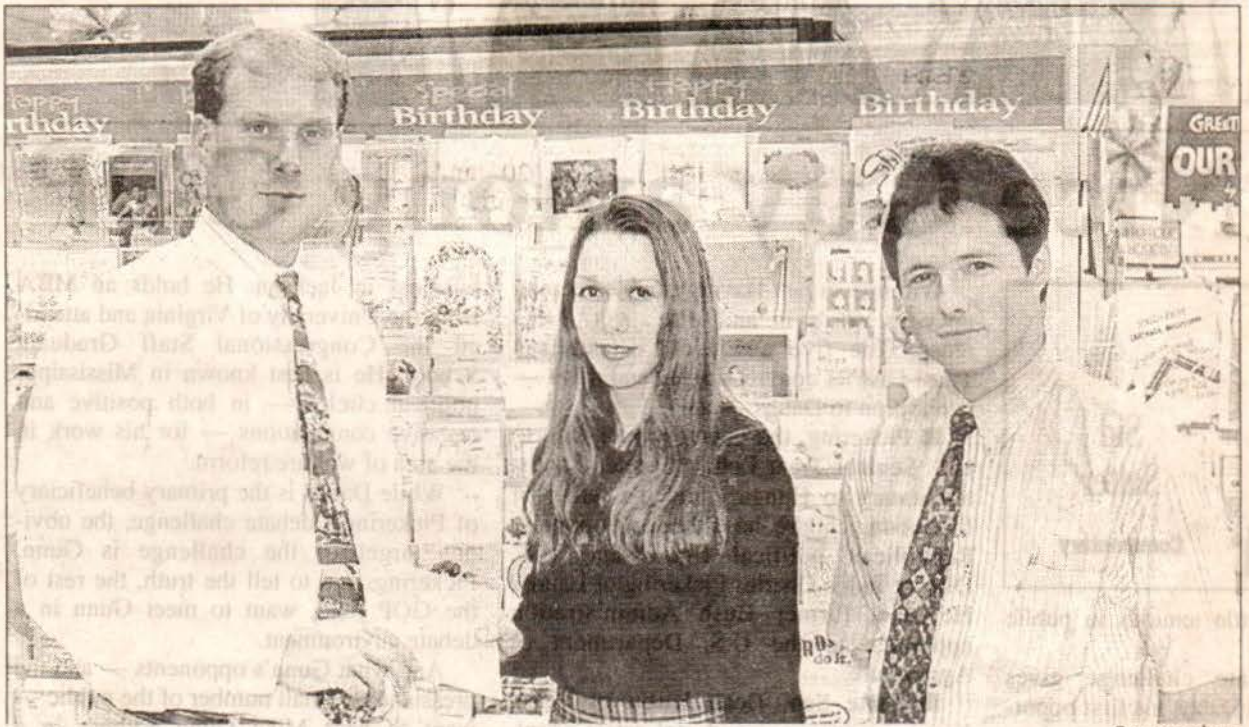
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SCHOLARSHIPS



Courtesy photo

Vowell Scholarship awarded — Tara Renaud of Carthage is the recipient of the Lavern Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Tara, a freshman business major at ECCC and an honors graduate of Carthage High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Renaud of Carthage. The Lavern Vowell Scholarship, which provides tuition for two semesters, was established in 1993 by Elizabeth Vowell, and her sons E. L. and David, to honor their husband and father, Lavern Vowell, and to assist a worthy ECCC student. A pioneer Winston County family, the Vowells operate Sunflower Food Stores in Louisville, Noxapater, Philadelphia, Newton, Carthage and Forest. Chris Vowell, shown at left presenting the scholarship, is the grandson of Elizabeth Vowell and of Iris Massey; he manages the Sunflower Store in Newton. Gene Gunn, at right in photo, manages the Sunflower Store in Carthage.

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Laird voted Most Beautiful.

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Most Beautiful of ECCC



Courtesy photo

ECCC most beautiful — Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, is shown crowning Brandi Laird of Morton, who was chosen Most Beautiful in a recent pageant at the college. Shown at left is Miss Laird's escort, Craig Vowell of Philadelphia. He was selected Most Handsome by a vote of the student body. Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Vowell of Philadelphia and the grandson of Elizabeth Vowell and Iris Massey of Noxapater.

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Seven vie for Miss East Central title

Pageant set for Saturday at MHS auditorium

The 1995 Miss East Central Mississippi Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss Mississippi/Miss America pageant, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Meridian High School Auditorium.

Miss East Central Mississippi will represent Clarke, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Newton and Noxubee counties for the title of Miss Mississippi in July. The state event is held in Vicksburg.

Seven of the area's young women will compete for the title of Miss East Central on



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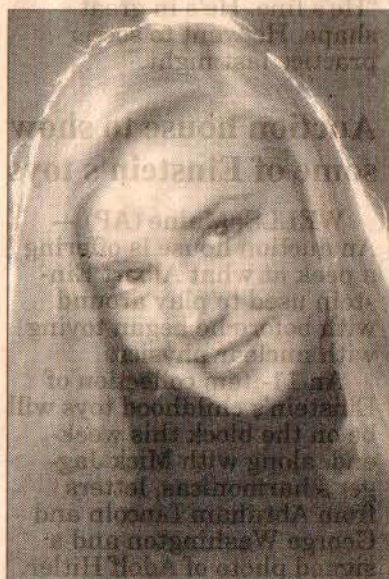


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Saturday night.

Contestants include:

- Ann Crowson, 17, a senior at Meridian High School. She is the daughter of Dr. Tom Crowson and Dr. Judy Crowson.
- Shannon Harrison, 19, a sophomore at East Central Community College. She is the daughter of Mike and Barbara Harrison.
- Karie Craven, 20, a junior at Mississippi State University. She daughter of Jerry and Katrina Craven.
- Heather Soriano, 17, a senior at Philadelphia High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.P. Soriano.
- Kristen Barnett, 19, a sophomore at East Central Community College. She is the daughter of Rusty and Bettye Barnett.
- Alexis Smith, 19, a freshman at the University of Mississippi. She is the daughter of Alex and Shirley Smith.
- Bethany Jinkerson, 23, a



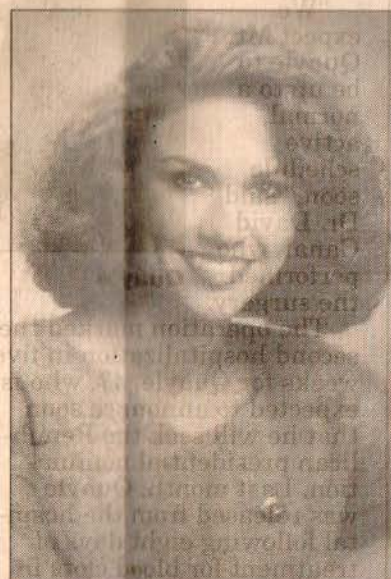
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senior at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is the daughter of C.M. Jinkerson.

Shelia Luquire, Miss East Central Mississippi 1994, will



Barnett



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entertain and crown her successor.

Liquire, the daughter of Wayne and July Luquire, has served the title of Miss East Central Mississippi well,



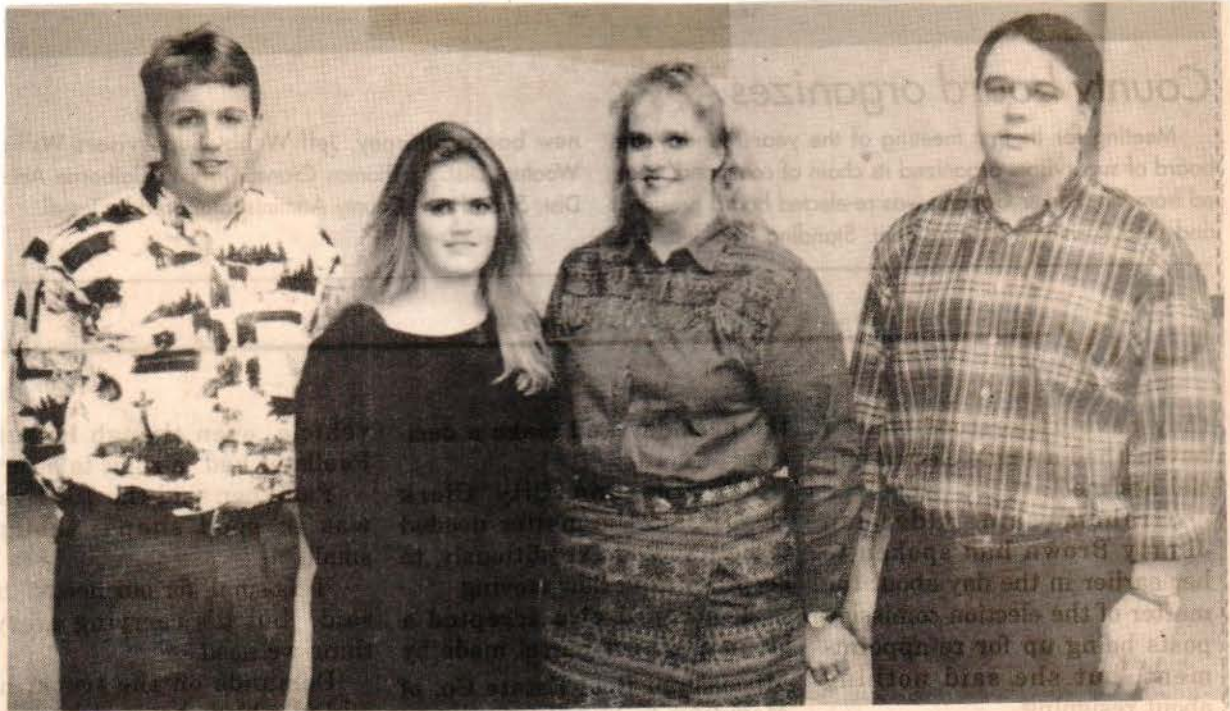
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pageant officials said.

General admission tickets to the program will be available at the door. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children under 12 years of age.



Attend ECCC conference

Students from Leake Academy were among area high school student leaders attending the first annual Leadership Conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Purpose of the conference was to recognize student

leaders and provide them with leadership enhancement techniques. On hand from Leake Academy were Marty Brantley, Jennifer Phillips, Jennifer LeCren and Tip Johnston.

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Attend ECCC Conference... These students from Union High School were among area high school student leaders who attended the first annual Leadership Conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Purpose of the conference is to recognize student leaders and provide them with leadership enhancement techniques. It is also an opportunity for area high school students to meet various college personnel. Approximately 35 students representing 10 district high schools participated in the conference, which was sponsored by Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Services. English instructor Ovid Vickers served as guest speaker. Pictured from left are Kenji Brown, Nicole Evans, Brent Miley and Joey Lang.

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Attend ECCC Conference... These students from Sebastopol High School were among area high school student leaders who attended the first annual Leadership Conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Purpose of the conference is to recognize student leaders and provide them with leadership enhancement techniques. It is also an opportunity for area high school students to meet various college personnel. Approximately 35 students representing 10 district high schools participated in the conference, which was sponsored by Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Services. English Instructor Ovid Vickers served as guest speaker. Pictured from left are Jonathan Sharp, Eric Plaisance, Olivia Hamil and Joseph Brown.

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ATTEND ECCC CONFERENCE - Students from Lake High School were among area high school student leaders who attended the first annual Leadership Conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Purpose of the conference is to recognize student leaders and provide them with leadership enhancement techniques. It is also an opportunity for area high school students to meet various college personnel. Approximately 35 students representing 10 district high schools participated in the conference, which was sponsored by Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Services. English Instructor Ovid Vickers served as guest speaker. Pictured from left are Amy Phillips and Rachael Harris. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Student Education Association officers

Selected to serve as 1994-95 officers of the Student Education Association at East Central Community College are the above sophomores (from left) Brad Peterson of Louisville, Lundy Brantley of Philadelphia, Genia Griffin of Morton and Wilma Cooksey of Lake. Lucille Wood serves as sponsor. (EC photo)

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ECCC President's List

Several area students have been named to the President's List at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1994 fall semester. President's List scholars includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. They are:

Walnut Grove: Marcia Lee Shelley and Yancy Wilson Thrash.
Sebastopol: Angela Gaye Anthony. **Lake:** Nancy Lee Jones and Shannon Michelle Towner.

Decatur: Kristen Leigh Barnett, Misty Dawn Savell, Lorrie Ponder Stamper and Katrina Moss Thames. **Union:** Amanda Danielle Breland, Tanya Lynn Carpenter, Angelia Sue Cockerham, Joseph Randall Germany, Jean Kristi Gordon, Steven Trent Mabry, Christopher Brian Mowdy, Mandy Rae Sessums, Louis Madison Skinner, Jr., Kimberly Boykin Smith, Bryan Scott Staton and Phoebe L. Wansley.

Newton: Valeria M. Buggs, Angela Bryan Davis, Glenda Williams Logan, Kelly Renae Prine Miller, Johnathan Stewart Sharp, Rhonda Lynn Drane Shealy, Jason Vanderporten and Martha Renee Wheeler. **Little Rock:** Jeanna Rexanne Chaney and Ryan Michael Smith. **Hickory:** Angela Celeste Cleveland and David Michael Hurst, Jr. **Conehatta:** Kimberly L. Williams.

Philadelphia: Gary Phillips Akins, Joyce Porter Ellis, Sherri Burkes Heflin, Emily Jill Kirkland, Laura Lee Robinson, Vernon Tubby, Rowena W. Whitham and Michael David Wilson.

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PASTE officers

These East Central Community College students serve as officers of the Postsecondary Association of Students and Teachers of Early Childhood Education (PASTE), an organization for persons enrolled in Child Development Technology. From left are Janell Ward, vice president, Forest; Natasha Ward, secretary, Livingston, Ala.; Michelle Zeman, treasurer, Philadelphia; Becky Spence, reporter, Union; and Maxine Dawkins, ways and means chairperson, Montrose. Sponsors of the organization are Ms. Kathy George and Mrs. Mary Ann Wright.

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ECCC announces fall honor list

Students named to the 1994 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the college honor roll includes students selected on the President's List, Dean's List and those receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

The President's List includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those named to the Dean's List earned a 3.5 grade point average or above and students chosen on the Honorable Mention List achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Leake County students named to each list and their place of residence include the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Jennifer Dawn Alexander,

Katherine N. Faulkner, Mistee Heather Hollis, Lorrie Ann Howell, Melissa Diane Jones, Sharon F. Mathis, Mac Arthur McFadden, Donna J. Ransdell, Charles Gregory Watkins, Jana E. Wilkerson and Daniel Ray Young, all of Carthage; James Bradley Johnson and Jennifer Michelle Shows, both of Lena; and Marcia Lee Shelley and Yancy Wilson Thrash, both of Walnut Grove.

DEAN'S LIST

Dawn Suzanne Cockrell, Miranda Lyn Rowan, Timothy Wayne Thompson, Christopher John Watkins and Emily Dawn Weaver, all of Lena; Eric Steven Cook, Lori Ann King, Dianna A. Lane, Sandra A. Moore, Stacey Dale Ricks, Justin James Schmidt and Jodi Denise Stribling, all of Carthage;

Heather E. McMillan, Edinburg; and Pamela Renee Fergu-

son, Tiffany Larae McDill and Joey Bryan Thrash, all of Walnut Grove.

HONORABLE MENTION

Christie Dawn Allen, Michael Shane Atchley, Samuel Lamar Beckham, Sherry Kaye Bell, Alice Suzanne Brown, Shannon Nicole Brown, Jacqueline K. Cain, Marla Lee Chamblee, Heather Marie Dittmer, Chris D. Doggett, Anthony Jason Green, Phillip D. Greer, Chris James Hillman, Peggy Jennifer Jenkins, Nathalie Leanne Jones, Brenda Michelle Long, Monica Lynn McManus, Leigh Michelle Merchant, Robin Norma Thornton, Edith Stuart Vowell and Debbie Lynn Wilcher, all of Carthage;

Tabatha Lynn Gainey, Patricia Miley Lathem and Brad Underwood, all of Walnut Grove; Jessica Nora Hollis, Lena; and Heather Nicole Wilson, Madden.

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ECCC band

Flag team members of the 1994-95 East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band include: (first row, from left) Sherrie Mercer, Decatur; Amy Ezell, Union; and Angie Sistrunk, Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Leslie Terrell, Decatur; Laura Robinson, Philadelphia; and Lakeshi Buckley, Meridian; and (third row, from left) Aimee Chandler, Louisville; Natosha Madison, Philadelphia; Elizabeth Knochenmuss and Brandi Kay Smith, both of Little Rock; Lisa Blanset, Louisville; Ginger Carter, Decatur; Stephanie Reid, Union; and Shawnta Moore, Philadelphia. The Warrior Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.



Among Rifle team members of the 1994-95 East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band include Monica Coleman, Philadelphia; Robin Hendon, Forest; and Melissa Guthrie, Philadelphia. The Warrior Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.

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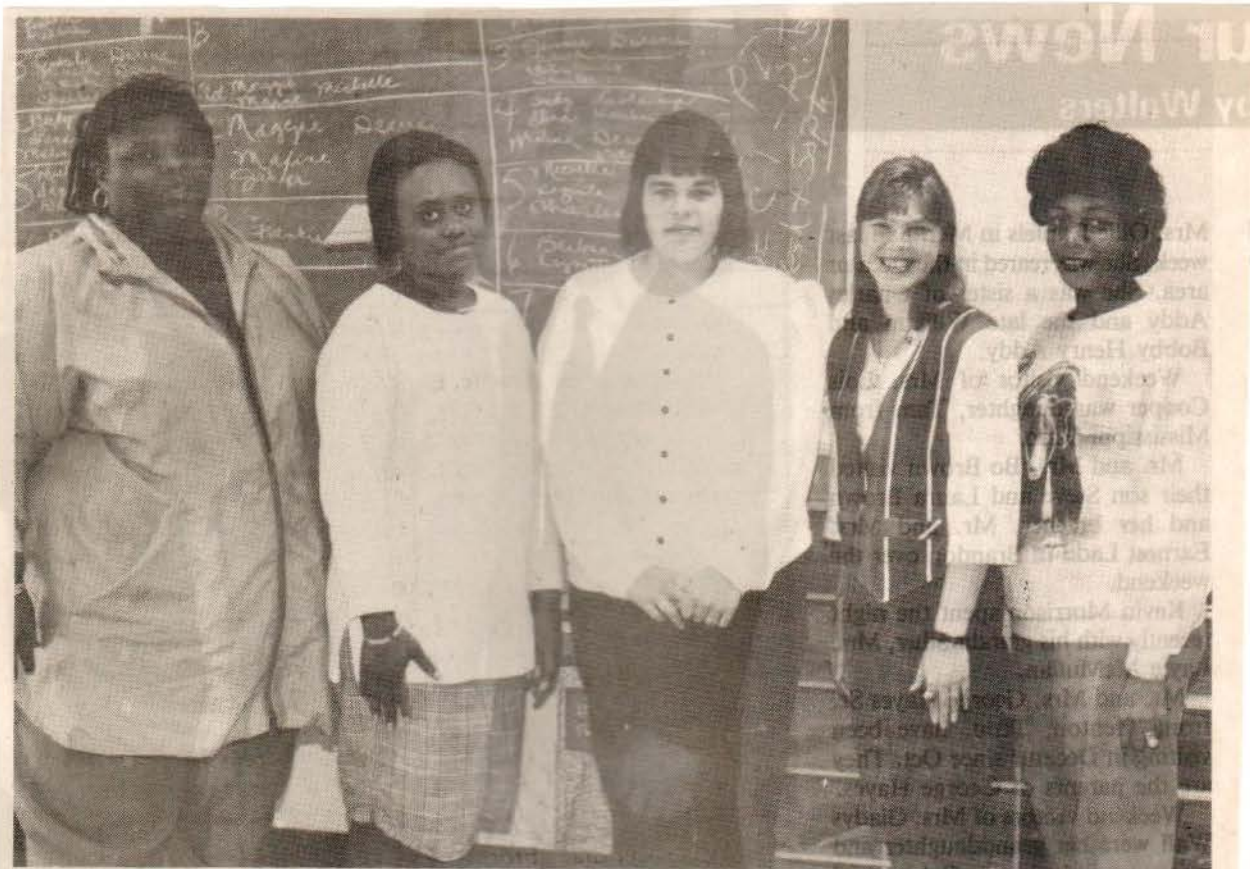
Leads ECCC organization

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ECCC Percussion Section...Percussion section members of the 1994-95 East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band include (first row, from left) Carla Glenn, Decatur; Joann Williams, Hickory; Tabatha Gainey, Walnut Grove; and Lorie Howell, Carthage; (second row, from left) Stephen Jenkins, Philadelphia; Jason Jackson, Conehatta; Eric Jordan, Decatur; and Jason Vanderporten, Newton; and (third row, from left) Blair Renfro, Newton; Vince Parker, Lake; Robbie Venters, Morton; Marcus Pickel, Carthage; Clay Hammond, Decatur; Brian Ingram, Morton; and Harbert Johnson, Carthage. The Warrior Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson. (EC Photo)

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Education In Brief

ECCC Dean's List

Several area students have been named to the Dean's List at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1994 fall semester. Dean's List scholars includes students that earned a 3.5 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. They are:

Walnut Grove: Pamela Renee Ferguson, Tiffany Larae McDill and Joey Bryan Thrash. **Collinsville:** Susan Anita George. **Lake:** Brad M. Gressett and Vince Lee Parker.

Decatur: Ginger Bethan Carter, Sara Jane Delabar, Carla Renee Glenn, Eric Todd Jordan, Melissa Shea McClelland, Timothy Brian Richardson, Kristopher David Rigdon, Jody Bucannon Riser, Wendy Leigh Russell and Staci Michelle Strebeck. **Union:** Todd Matthew Adkins, Heidi Daree Apperson, Michael Wayne Bradley, Marinda Joy Comans, Brandi LaShonda Harber, Charlie Max Hardin, Bruce Scott Posey and Vickie Lea Terrell.

Newton: Joseph Chad Breland, John Bradley Gipson, Virginia Carol Mabry, Brian A. Parks, Ronald Dean Strait Jr., and Ethel Barnes Tumbling. **Little Rock:** Jennifer E. Hitt and Misty Renee Laird. **Hickory:** Robin Patch Acord, John Lee Ferguson and Virginia Joann Williams. **Conehatta:** Christopher Wade Graham, Aaron Neal Johnson and Janice Williamson. **Chunky:** Randy B. Horne, Shonda M. Hurst and Justin James Smith.

Philadelphia: Michael Brooks Bryan, Staci Diane Bryan, Bradley A. Burns, Tim Payton Chapman, Debbie Lynn Clark, Robert Ernest Courtney, Tommy R. Cummings, Keela Kirkland Eubanks, Kyra Lea Fulton, Mona Jill Graham, Shannon Dawn Jenkins, Stephen Dwayne Jenkins, Tyler Aaron Nowell, Kandi Carol Poe, Phillip Derrick Prince, Rhonda B. Sanderford, Tyrome Wayne Tank, Patricia Terrell Trest, Jacqueline Dane Vance, David Craig Vowell, Ariadne Kay Wallace and Marcella Faye Williams.

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ECCC announces honor students

Several local and area students made the 1994 fall semester honor lists at East Central Community College.

Those students maintaining a 4.0 grade point average were placed on the President's List. They included: Brian Ballenger, Lisa Beadles, Laurie Hall and Melissa Winham, all of Meridian;

Gary Akins, Joyce Ellis, Sherri Heflin, Emily Kirkland, Laura Robinson, Vernon Tubby, Rowena Whitham and Michael Wilson, all of Philadelphia; Kristen Barnett, Misty Savell, Lorrie Stamper and Katrina Thames, all of Decatur; Amanda Breland, Tanya Carpenter, Angelia Cockerham, Joseph Germany, Jean Gordon, Steven Mabry, Christopher Mowdy, Mandy Sessums, Louis Skinner Jr., Kimberly Smith, Bryan Staton and Pheobe Wansley, all of Union; Valeria Buggs, Angela Davis, Glenda Logan, Kelly Miller, Jonathan Sharp, Rhonda Sheely, Jason Vanderporten and Martha Wheeler, all of New-

ton;

Angela Cleveland and David Hurst Jr., both of Hickory; Geraldine Johnson, Julie Joiner, James McLeod, Tammy Sanders and Robert Thomas, all of Louisville; and Kimberly Williams of Conehatta.

Those students maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average were placed on the Dean's List. They included: Russell Adams, Zayne Mayers and Shelia Stevens, all of Meridian; Michael Bryan, Staci Bryan, Bradley Burns, Tim Chapman, Debbie Clark, Robert Courtney, Tommy Cummings, Keela Eubanks, Kyra Fulton, Mona Graham, Shannon Jenkins, Stephen Jenkins, Tyler Nowell, Kandi Poe, Philip Prince, Rhonda Sanderford, Tyrome Tank, Patricia Trest, Jacqueline Vance, David Vowell, Ariadne Wallace and Marcella Williams, all of Philadelphia;

Robin Acord, John Ferguson and Virginia Williams, all of Hickory; Todd Adkins, Heidi

Apperson, Michael Bradley, Marinda Comans, Brandi Harber, Charlie Hardin, Bruce Posey and Vickie Terrell, all of Union; Joseph Breland, John Gipson, Virginia Mabry, Brian Parkes, Ronald Strait Jr. and Ethel Tumbling, all of Newton;

Ginger Carter, Sara Delabar, Carla Glenn, Eric Jordan, Melissa McLelland, Timothy Richardson, Kristopher Rigdon, Jody Riser, Wendy Russell and Staci Strebeck, all of Decatur; Christopher Graham, Aaron Johnson and Janice Williamson, all of Conehatta; Randy Horne, Shonda Hurst and Justin Smith, all of Chunky;

Amy Anthony and Sandra Patridge, both of Noxapater; Jimmy Collins, Thomas Fuller, Donald Hisaw, Christopher Kemp, William Weems, Stacey Woods and Robert Wylie, all of Louisville;

John Donovan of Enterprise; Charles Zdenek of Quitman; and Susan George of Collinsville.

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ECCC Collegians...The 1994-95 version of the Collegians, a vocal-instrumental pop group composed of East Central Community College students, include (first row, from left) Monica Coleman of Neshoba Central; Valeria Buggs, Newton County Academy; Lorrie Howell, Leake Academy; Nic Massey, Union; (second row, from left) Lucas Harms and Eric Jordan, both of Newton County High School; Anthony Morgan, Carthage; Krystof Edgar, Union; Clay Fuller, Louisville; Ryan Buteux, Newton; Susan Rigdon, Union; Marcus Pickel, Carthage; Stacey Davis, Morton; and (third row, from left) Harold McAdory, Neshoba Central; Harbert Johnson, South Leake; Clay Hammond, Newton County; Tommy Eldridge, Neshoba Central; and Eric Adcock, South Leake. The Collegians are directed by Thomas W. Carson who is also a member of the popular group. (EC Photo)

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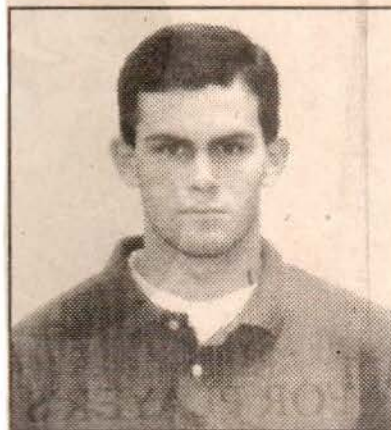
Brad Peterson

Brad Peterson of Louisville was among those selected to serve as 1994-95 officers of the Student Education Association at East Central Community College. Brad is a sophomore at ECCC.



Angela Reynolds

East Central Community College recently selected students to serve as 1994-95 officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers." Chosen as reporter was Angela Reynolds of Noxapater.



Peyton Weems

Peyton Weems recently received All-State recognition following the 1994 campaign at East Central Community College. H is a 1994 graduate of Louisville High School where he was star extra point kicker.

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Locals give impressive performance

By FRANK TURNER

Special to The Times

Once again six Southern girls have gotten together in an onstage beauty shop to delight an audience with another impressive performance of Robert Harling's well-known play "Steele Magnolias."

This time the beauty shop is set up on the dinner stage at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The play, which originally opened to enthusiastic New York audiences in 1987, not only has been made into a highly successful film but also has become a standard with community and college theatrical groups. Director Judy Carroll Harrison and the ECCC Players opens their current theatre season tonight to a sold-out house.

In the play, where upstaging would be a temptation, on one actress steals the show. Instead, this is an ensemble performance of six talented student actors.

Many Sessums as Truvy Jones, the owner of the beauty shop, is a delight to watch and hear as she cavorts around the stage attempting to keep each customer happy and satisfied with her work. Sessums manages to capture the character of a small town beauty shop owner in almost flawless performance.

Nicole Crimm is her highly emotional portrayal of M'Lynn Eatonton, the quintessential Southern mother, was able to bring the audience from laughter to tears and back to laughter in a matter of minutes. Crimm, in a rather difficult role for one so young, maintains the strength and dignity of her character throughout the play.

As Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, Stephanie Hodges is outstanding. Her transformation of character from scene to scene is just as comical as her lines demand. Her first act appearance as the new girl in town established her as the eccentric scatterbrain who offers the comic relief for this sometimes highly emotional play.

proves that she understands the character completely when she says, "I'm not crazy; I've just been in a bad mood for the last 40 years."

Miriam Gordon plays Claire, the nosy and somewhat snooty widow who finds that she can still seek culture and adventure late in life. Gordon offers just the right amount of reserve to the character and gives a well-balanced performance.

All in all, "Steele Magnolias" was a hit. It's a perfect play to begin a new theatre season. Director Harrison and the six actresses as well as the behind-the-scenes crew have produced a memorable theatre experience.

The production of 'Steele Magnolias' has broken all records for the dinner theatre at East Central Community College.

Celestes McKee in the role of Shelby Eatonton, M'Lynn's daughter and the young heroine of the play, offers just the right amount of sweetness and innocence to make her character believable. Throughout the play McKee maintains a lighthearted attitude in a role that could easily become a search for audience sympathy.

Laughs abound when cranky old Ouiser appears. Sarah Griffin turns in a fine performance as the cantankerous, but caring, Southern matriarch. Every small town has its own Ouiser, and Griffin's interpretation



Left to right are Stephanie Hodges of Lena, Nichole Crimm of Morton, Celestes McKee of Newton, Miriam Gordon of Union, Mandy Sessums of Union, and (sitting) Sarah Griffin of Newton.



READY FOR ACADEMIC CONTEST - Preparing to compete in the annual University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl are the above East Central Community College students who include (seated from left) Mandy Sessums of Union; Rexanne Chaney of Little Rock and (standing from left), Jon Sharp of Newton, Tim Thomopson of Lena and Chris Gomillion of Harperville. At right is English instructor Mrs. Linda Baucum who serves as advisor. The academic competition - which features students representing the state's community and junior colleges - will be held February 17-18 on the Oxford campus. Students from East Central have twice won the statewide contest, which began in 1985. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Concert Choir...Members of the East Central Community College Concert Choir for 1994-95 include (first row, from left) Windy Burton, Philadelphia; Gwen Burton, Decatur; Amy Anthony, Noxapater; Elizabeth Knochenmuss, Little Rock; Staci Strebeck, Decatur; Starre Wainscott, Lake; Angela Luke, Little Rock; (second row, from left) John McCurdy, Morton; Eric Jordan, Decatur; Kari Willis, Newton; Christie Butts, Chunky; Valeria Buggs, Newton; Ginger Carter, Decatur; Michael Griffin, Carthage; William Rogers, Louisville; and (third row, from left) Philip Lundy, Louisville, Alex Savell, Chunky; Vince Parker, Lake; Robert Evans, Newton; Bruce Posey, Philadelphia; Matthew Howell, Walnut Grove; Lucas Harms, Decatur; and Max Keene, Louisville. The concert choir is directed by Charles Hinson (standing at right). Mrs. Marian Thornton (seated) provides piano accompaniment. (EC Photo

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Attend HOSA confab

Recently, the East Central Community College (HOSA) Health Occupation Students of America attended the State Leadership Conference at the FFA center in Raymond. Attending the presidential seminar were, from left to right, EC HOSA president James Johnson of Lena, Denise Mabry of Collinsville and Ross Little of Hickory.

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ECCC Ac'cents officers

Serving as officers of the Ac'cents, a vocal ensemble at East Central Community College, are Matt Howell (seated), president, of Walnut Grove and (standing from left) Christie Butts, vice president, of Chunky; Staci Strebeck, secretary/treasurer, of Decatur; and Gwen Burton, reporter, also of Decatur.

The Ac'cents perform not only campus but also for area civic clubs, churches and schools.

Charles W. Hinson serves as director.



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BSF members

Members of the Black Student Fellowship at East Central Community College in Decatur include from left, front, Clarice Harris of Lake, Nicki Taylor of Decatur, Natasha Smith of Forest, Theresa Davis of Morton, Shyria Smith of Forest, Natalie Brooks and Valerie Childress, both of Louisville; back, Tim Glaze, Baptist Student Union Director; laneitha Amos of Morton, Latasha Brantley of Carthage, Shrona Patrick of Forest, Melika Evans of Lawrence, Phoebe Rogers of Union and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, BSF Director.

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Warrior Corps members

The East Central Community College Warrior Corps is an organization composed of a select group of a select group of student who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various events and activities on the Decatur campus. Members for 1994-95 include (first row, from left) Ronda Jones, Forest; Erika Duett and Dawn Sharp, both of Philadelphia; Lorrie Howel, Carthage; Staci Strebeck, Decatur; Amy Anthony, Morton; Jacqueline Cain, Carthage; Treba Smith, Noxapater; Valeria Buggs, Newton; Julie Joiner, Noxapater; (second row, from left) Amy Phillips, Sebastopol; Kristen Barnett, Decatur; Mandy Goldman and Jennifer Thomas, both of Philadelphia; Mandy Sessums, Union; Christie Butts, Chunky; Melanie Cleveland, Forest; Melanie Carson, Philadelphia; Kate Faulkner, Carthage; Vicki Adcock, Decatur; (third row, from left) Derrick Henson, Carthage; Ja Nance, Nanih Waiya; David Alexander, Little Rock; Kris Rigdon, Decatur; Randy Germany, Union; Damon Ladner, Carthage; Chris Gomillion, Harperville; and (fourth row, from left) Brent Gregory, Nanih Waiya; Craig Vowell, Philadelphia; Brad Gressett, Lake; Ryan Henry and Paul Killen, both of Union; Kevin Nelson, Clinton; Jody Riser, Forest; and Randall Lee, academic counselor, who serves as sponsor. Not pictured are Susan George of Collinsville, Mike Hurst of Hickory and Craig Wolf of Forest.

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Join ECCC math society

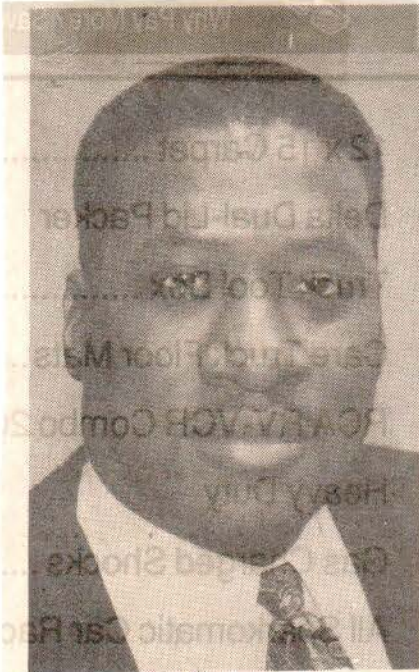
These East Central Community College students are the most recent members of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students interested in mathematics. Pictured are (first row, from left) Melissa McDill, Little Rock; Stephanie Baskin, Decatur; Mandy Goldman and Jill Kirkland, both of Philadelphia; Jana Wilkerson, Carthage; (second row) Valeria

Buggs, Newton; Brandi Laird, Morton; Kyra Fulton, Philadelphia; Dawn Cockrell, Lena; Heather Dittmer, Carthage; and (back row) Craig Vowell and Michael Wilson, both of Philadelphia; and Matt Skinner, Union. Mrs. Lois McMullan serves as sponsor.

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Troy D. Brown, Sr.

Troy D. Brown Sr. of Decatur was recently inducted into the Gamma Nu Subordinate Boule' of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Established in 1904 this first Greek-letter fraternity in the history of the African-American college graduate in the United States has an exclusive membership of professionals who are contributors to the growth and development of humank-

ind. Roster includes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and educator/historian Dr. W.E.B. Dubois.

Brown is Dean of Students at

ECCC and is enrolled in the doctoral program at UM. His wife is former Curressia McFarland of Meridian. They have two children: Troy Jr. and Brandice.

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Posey makes Dean's List at ECCC

Bruce Scott Posey of Philadelphia has been named to the 1994 fall semester honor roll at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the college honor roll includes students selected on the President's List, Dean's List, and those receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

The President's List includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those named to the Dean's List earned a 3.5 grade point average or above and students chosen on the Honorable Mention List achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Posey, a freshman engineering major, is a Dean's List scholar. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

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Popular ECCC Entertainers... Above are members of the Ac'cents, a vocal ensemble composed of students enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur. The popular entertainers are regularly featured during campus concerts and programs and also perform for civic and community clubs in the college's five-county district. From left are Ginger Carter of Decatur, John McCurdy of Morton, Gwen Burton and Lucas Harms, both of Chunky, Kari Willis of Newton, Matthew Howell of Walnut Grove and Staci Strebeck of Decatur. Charles Hinson serves as director.

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ECCC STUDENT WINS NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST - Deana Chickaway of Conehatta displays a sketch of her award-winning poster which took top honors in the National Family and Child Education (F.A.C.E.) poster competition. Chickaway entered the contest representing the Conehatta Family and Child Education Center. A nontraditional student, she is a freshman enrolled in Child Development Technology at East Central Community College. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Gospel Choir



Members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir are: (front row, from left) Brandy Graham, Decatur; Natasha Smith, program committee, Forest; Valerie Childress, secretary, Louisville; Shrona Patrick, assistant secretary, Forest; Clarice Harris, Lake; Lakeshia Buckley, Union; Denise Bennamon, DeKalb; Brenda K. Johnson, sponsor, Newton; (second row, from left) Shyria Smith, vice president, Forest; Vanita Brown, program committee, Meridian; Lanette Lynch, Noxapater; Shawn Jones, Bay Springs; Cheryl Butler, Forest; Latasha Brantley, Carthage; Dorothy Donald, Lake; Carolyn Gladney, president/director, Louisville; and (third row, from left) Allen Tucker, Philadelphia; Willie Porter, Louisville; Robert Evans, director, Newton; David Bolden, Meridian; and Eric Goodman, musician, Decatur.

East Central Community College HOSA Club's 2nd Annual Co-Ed Softball Jamboree:

The tournament will be March 25 at the Softball Complex in Union starting at 8 a.m. Entry fee will be \$100.

It will be double elimination. There will be Free Blood Pressure Screenings and Finger Printing of children. For more information contact Janice Jacobs at 601-635-2111 ext. 292 or 601-679-5975.

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3 older students among 10

By Cathy Hayden
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Coni Gooch hopes she can be an inspiration to her children.

Gooch is one of 47 Mississippi community and junior college students honored Wednesday as members of the 1995 Mississippi All-State Academic Teams. The competition is sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa two-year college honor society, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and several corporate sponsors, including *The Clarion-Ledger*.

The 41-year-old Hinds Commu-

nity College sophomore was selected for a top spot on the 10-member "first team."

"I'm very overwhelmed and very honored because I am an older student," said Gooch, who's majoring in physical therapy and plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi. "I think about my two teenage sons. I hope this can be an inspiration."

Each of the 47 students was nominated by his or her college and selected for either a first, second or third team by a 40-judge panel. All 47 have been nominated for the All-USA Academic Team, which will be

announced in April.

Amy McMahan, who represented the Metro Chamber of Commerce as a judge, said she was impressed with the caliber of students. Of the top 10, three are older adults.

"Some of their essays about what education meant to them would bring you to tears," McMahan said of the older students.

Each student received a medallion presented by David Pierce, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, at the Ramada Inn Coliseum.

Robyn Cagle, 36, a Pearl River

making scholastic 'first team'

Community College student, credited college faculty and family support for her honor.

"I'm happy to represent Pearl River," she said. "That burning desire for education has always been there. With the encouragement of my husband, I decided to enroll. I didn't think I could do it."

Heather Walker, 19, a Jones County Junior College student, said she appreciated the judges looking for more than high academic achievement. She's also involved in student government and sports. "They looked at a well-rounded student," she said.

ALL-STATE ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM

- James C. Byrd, 20, Jones County Junior College
- Robyn D. Cagle, 36, Pearl River Community College
- Kate M. Fountain, 20, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Daniel Fox Jr., 43, Meridian Community College
- Coni Gooch, 41, Hinds Community College
- Wanda D. Gray, 21, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Jennifer L. Hussey, 20, Northeast Mississippi Community College
- Amanda L. Jones, 20, Southwest Mississippi Community College
- Mandy Sessums, 20, East Central Community College
- Heather C. Walker, 19, Jones County Junior College

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ECCC jazz band

Each spring semester the East Central Community College Jazz Band is available to perform for area schools and civic organizations leading up to the group's annual concert appearance with the concert band, concert choir and the Ac'cents in May 3. Directed by Thomas W. Carson, jazz band members include, from left, Carla Glenn, Newton County High School; Anthony Morgan, Carthage; Debbie Clark and Stephen Jenkins, both of Neshoba Central; and Ryan Clarke

and Sherrie Mercer, both of Newton County; middle, Brad Anthony, Union; Ryan Buteaux, Newton; J. B. Ware, Union; and Muhammad Ilyas II, Neshoba Central; and back, Carson; Clayton Hammond and Eric Jordan, both of Newton County; Barry Sanders, Carthage; Clay Fuller, Louisville; Danny Jones, Morton; and Melissa McDill, Newton County.

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ECCC's 'Round Midnite... Providing special entertainment during home basketball games at East Central Community College are members of 'Round Midnite, a blues group, whose members include (from left) Nic Massey of Union, Thomas W. Carson and Eric Jordan, both of Decatur; and Marcus Pickel of Carthage. The talented musicians are also available for local performances. For more information contact Mr. Carson at ECCC, Ph 635-2111, ext. 228.

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Engineering award winners

Four East Central Community College sophomores have received the National Collegiate Engineering Award, an honor presented annually by the United States Achievement Academy. Winners are eligible for grants of up to \$1,500 at various four-year colleges. Winners are, from left, Kris Rigdon, Decatur; Tim Thompson, Lena; Tiffany Gunn, Carthage; and John Ferguson, Hickory.

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Award-Winning Design...Students and sponsors of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) at East Central Community College display the creative talents of sophomore Nikki Goodin of Louisville whose artwork has been selected for the organization's state T-shirt. Goodin's award-winning illustration was chosen by a vote of the membership attending the state leadership conference held recently in Jackson. Pictured are (front row, from left) Denise Mabry of Meridian, Goodin; surgical technology instructor Janice Jacobs who serves as an organization sponsor; Ella Crocker of Philadelphia, Leann Thomas of Meridian; (second row, from left) James Johnson of Lena, Rowena Davis of Montrose, Cathy May of Decatur, Pam Hickman of Louisville, Diane Untalan of Meridian and (back row, from left) Carolyn Melton of Philadelphia, licensed practical nurse instructor Sandra Thomas who also serves as an organization sponsor, and Brigitt Pilgrim of Hickory.

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Win District Honors... Winning top honors in the surgical technology competition of the Central District HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Contest held recently at Meridian Community College were the above East Central Community College students (from left) Nikki Goodin, fifth place, Louisville; Leann Thomas, fourth, Meridian; Pam Smiley, third, Newton; and Tammy Sessums, second, and Cathy May, first, both of Decatur. The group will advance to state competition scheduled April 3-5 in Jackson. Mrs. Janice Jacobs serves as surgical technology instructor. (EC Photo)

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Hurst, Jones Named Mr., Miss ECCC

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For the past two seasons, he has been a member of the Warrior basketball team and served as co-captain of the 1994-95 squad.

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Hurst is the son of Mike and Lucy Hurst of Hickory.

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She had been a football and basketball cheerleader the past two seasons. Jones served as co-captain of the 1994 football cheerleading squad which won several awards at the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Camp held last summer in Athens, Texas.

Jones is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Diamond Girls, ECCC Players, Fashion Squad, Election Committee and Student Absentee Appeals Committee. During her freshman year she served as class secretary and was elected a homecoming maid. She was also a cast member of the musical production, "Once Upon a Mattress".

A recipient of the U.S. Achievement Award in Math, Jones was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

The Forest High School graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Jones of Forest. She plans to continue her studies in business administration at Mississippi State University.



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Scholars Bowl participants

A team from East Central Community College recently competed in the 11th annual Ken Whooten Scholars Bowl at The University of Mississippi. The team members were, from left, Rexanne Chaney of Little Rock, alternate Tim Thompson of Lena, Chris Gomillion of Harperville, Mandy Sessums of

Union, Jonathon Sharp of Newton and adviser Linda Baumcum. Sixteen teams of junior college and community college students competed in the two-day event for \$51,500 in scholarship prizes.

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TAC business/computer students tour ECCC

Twenty-seven Thomastown Attendance Center accounting, computer applications, computer literacy, and word processing students recently visited the East Central Community College campus as the first part of a business/computer department field trip.

The purpose of the field trip was to allow students to see

junior college business students "in action." Students were able to "sit in" on the actual classes, were given a tour of the campus, including the library and dormitories, and provided lunch in the campus cafeteria.

The last part of the field trip will include a university business department visit.

Students participating on the field trip were Travis Anderson, Patrick Bacon, N'Kya Carter, Falonda Davis, Angie Dawson, McKenzie Gray, Angela Griffin, Jeremy Harris, Carla Lockett, Sherice Lockett, Kenneth Mallett, Santino May, Lora McLaurin;

Willie McMillon, Jason Miller, John Primer, Tamela

Riley, Lela Sanders, Angela Smith, Jennifer Smith, Stephanie Smith, Tunya Thornton, Benta Ware, Yalonda Washington, Christina Wilder, Victoria Wilder, and Jerri Zollcoffer.

Students were accompanied by Lynn Sanford, counselor; and Wynnifred M. Spears, business/computer teacher.

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Local students make honor roll at ECCC

Students named to the 1994 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

Area students named to each list are as follows.

President's List: Geraldine Young Johnson, Julie Ann Joiner, James William McLeod, Tammy Gale Sanders and Robert Dowdle Thomas, all of Louisville.

Dean's List: Amy Lynn Anthony and Sandra Simpson Patridge, both of Noxapater; Jimmy D. Collins, Thomas Clay Fuller, Donald Jason

Hisaw, Christopher William Kemp, William Peyton Weems, Stacey Arnez Woods, and Robert Lee Wylie, all of Louisville.

Honorable Mention: Lisa Thompson Addy, Rosie Mae Clark, Stacy Morris Edwards, Jolie Diane Eubanks, Nicola Jane Goodin, James Brent Gregory, Scott William Gronewold, Willie R. Porter and Nicholas Earl Turner, all of Louisville and Cynthia Howard Eubanks, Christy Michelle Howard, Danyale Y. Johnson, Paula Michele McAdory, Angie Michelle Parker, Angela Lucile Reynolds, Margaret Rosamon Sanborn and Denita Kay Howard Thomas, all of Noxapater.

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RECEIVE PTK HONORS - Various awards were presented to East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during the international honor society's regional convention held in Tupelo. Individual honors were presented to College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (far right), who was selected Distinguished Alumnus, and sophomore Mike Hurst (second from left) of Hickory who was inducted into the region's Order of the Golden Key. Dr. Smith serves as Presidential Ambassador for the Mississippi-Louisiana area and Hurst is president of the college chapter. Shown with chapter awards are advisors Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris. Among honors received include the Service Hallmark Award, The David Leonard Travel Award and the Brotherhood Award, shared jointly with the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter at Holmes Community College, Grenada campus. The ECCC chapter received a plaque of appreciation for hosting the 1994 regional leadership conference and was elected regional president for the upcoming year. A chapter member will later be named to serve in this position. The chapter was also recognized as a 5-Star Chapter signifying the highest level of achievement a chapter can be awarded. (EC Photo)

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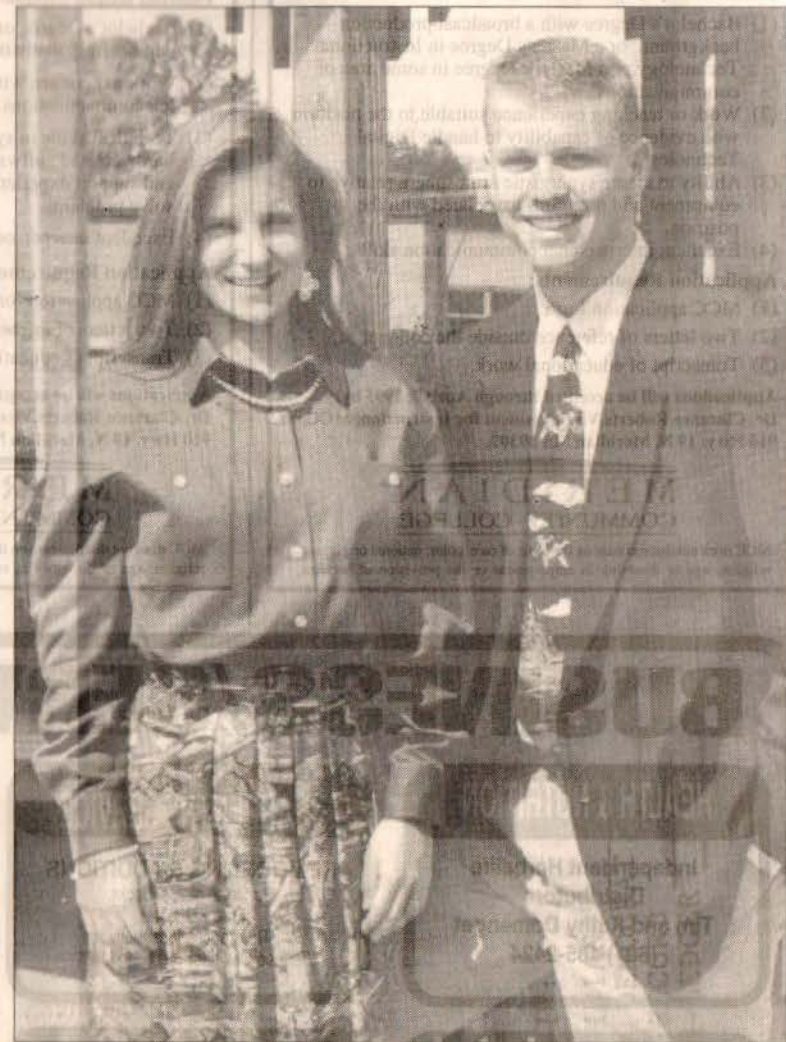
Jones is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Diamond Girls, ECCC Players, Fashion Squad, Election Committee and Student Absentee Appeals Committee.

During her freshman year she served as class secretary and was elected a homecoming maid. She was also a cast member of the musical production, "Once Upon A Mattress."

A recipient of the U.S. Achievement Award in Math, Jones was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College.

The Forest High School graduate is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Ronny Jones of Forest.

She plans to continue her studies in business administration at Mississippi State University.



Ronda Jones, Mike Hurst



ECCC CLASS FAVORITES-These East Central Community College students have been selected class favorites for the 1994-95 term. Seated from left are freshmen Nepo Scott of Demopolis, Alabama; Tosha Madison and Kyra Fulton, both of Philadelphia; and Shannon Harrison and O.J. McNichols, both of Union. Sophomore favorites include (standing from left) Craig Wolf of Forest, Michele McAdory of Noxapater, Kimberly Moore of Philadelphia, Jacqueline Cain of Carthage and Vincent Spencer of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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Star of 'Annie'...Jennifer Carson of Decatur is cast in the leading role of "Annie" which will be presented April 5-8 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Carson, is shown with "Sandy," also a favorite character in the Broadway musical. The ECCC performance is nearing a complete sellout, as only a few tickets remain for the Wednesday, April 5 presentation. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. For more information call 635-2111.(EC Photo)

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Cast of "Annie"

Above are cast members for the East Central Community College musical production of "Annie" which will be presented April 5-8 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for each perfor-

mance. Leake countians in the cast include Lorrie Howell of Carthage; Matthew Howell of Walnut Grove; and Stephanie Hodges of Lena. The musical is directed by Judy Carroll. For ticket information call 635-2111.

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Mandy Sessums



Mike Hurst

ECCC's Sessums, Hurst Receive Academic Honors

The selection of two East Central Community College sophomores to the 1995 All-Mississippi Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges has been announced by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society which sponsors the annual program with **The Clarion-Ledger** and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Receiving first team honors is Mandy Sessums of Union who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Her major is secondary education/English.

A President's List scholar, Sessums was chosen East Central's HEADWE Student of the Year for 1994-95 and last year was named the college's Outstanding Humanities Student. She is also a National Dean's List scholar and was selected a Collegiate Scholastic All-American. She was recently named to **Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges**.

The Union High School product serves as vice president of fellow-

ship for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; reporter for Mu Alpha Theta; and is a member of the Student Education Association and Warrior Corps.

Sessums, who plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sessums of Union.

Mike Hurst, whose major is pre-law/political science, is a second team selection.

A Dean's List scholar, Hurst was recently chosen Mr. East Central Community College.

He serves as president of the Student Body Association and holds various other positions of leadership. He is also president of Theta Xi Chapter of PTK and was recently inducted into the organization's Order of the Golden Key, the highest honor for student members. He has also been named to **Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges**.

The Newton County Academy graduate also serves as secretary of Mu Alpha Theta and holds membership in Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Warrior Corps, Presidents Council and Students Against Drunk Driving.

For the past two seasons he has been a member of the Warrior basketball team and served as co-captain of the 1994-95 squad.

Hurst plans to continue his education at Millsaps College where he has received a basketball scholarship.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hurst Sr. of Hickory.

In all, 47 students were named to three All-State teams in recognition of academic achievement, leadership accomplishments and community service involvement.

Students selected for the All-Mississippi Teams are automatically considered for placement on the national teams. More than 900 applications were submitted for the national competition this year. Students named to the All-USA Academic Teams received stipends or plaques and will be featured in the April 24 issue of **USA Today**.

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ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBERS-Named to the Mississippi Community/Junior College All-State Choir are the above students representing East Central Community College (from left) Lucas Harms (bass), Staci Strebeck (soprano) and Gwen Burton (alto), all of Decatur and John McCurdy (tenor) of Morton. The ECCC Choir members recently joined other outstanding vocalists from the state's two-year colleges for concert appearances at the University of Southern Mississippi and Hinds Community College. The East Central students are members of the college's concert choir which is directed by Charles W. Hinson. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Cheerleaders Named for 1995-96

Cheerleaders selected for the 1995-96 term have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Serving as football cheerleaders will be returning ECCC sophomores Shannon Harrison of Union, Mandy Goldman and Jennifer Thomas, both of Neshoba Central; Jill Kirkland of Philadelphia, Palani Edmondson of Lake, Chris Cain of Pisgah and Mary Williams of Forest who will serve as Warrior Chief mascot and cheerleader alternate. Incoming freshmen named to the cheering squad include Anna Thornton of Edinburg. Stepha-

nie Rascoe and Emily Jenkins, both of Quitman; Jeana Santmyer and Tracy Guyse, both of Newton; Ryan White and Stevie Richardson, both of Neshoba Central; and Tonya Covington (alternate) of Noxapater.

Also selected as basketball cheerleaders are Edmondson, Goldman, Thomas, Crain (Alternate), White, Richardson, Rascoe, Jenkins and Santmyer (Alternate).

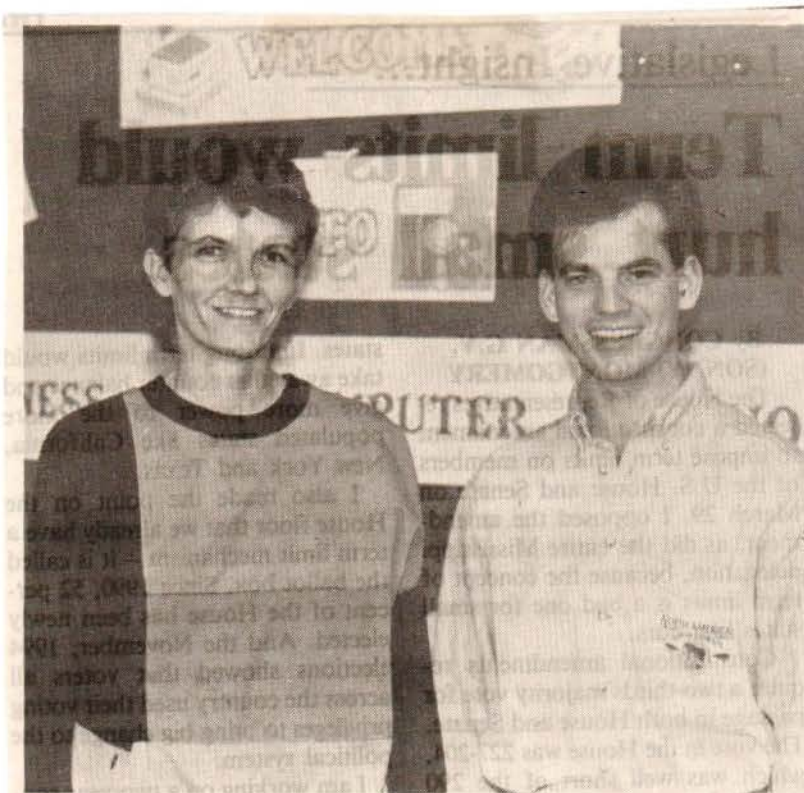
Members of both squads were selected following tryouts recently held on the Decatur campus.

Mrs. Virginia Pace serves as cheerleader sponsor with assistance provided by Mrs. Stacie Weir.

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State PBL Winners... Winning honors in the State Phi Beta Lambda Contest were the above East Central Community College students (from left) Sandra Partridge of Noxapater and Robbie Courtney of Philadelphia who received special recognition in their respective areas of competition. Partridge, whose major is medical office technology concentration, placed fourth in business communications for the grade she made on written examination. Courtney, a computer programming technology major, finished third for the computer program he wrote and presented to the judges. The annual contest is held in Jackson and includes business students from all the state's colleges and universities.

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Outstanding ECCC Athletes... These East Central Community College basketball players have been named to MACJC All-State teams following 1994-95 competition. From left are freshman Melody Reed of Forest, second team, and sophomores Philip Prince of Philadelphia and Monica Davis of Banks, Arkansas, who are both first team selections. Prince and Davis along with sophomore Brandi Harber of Union were also selected MACJC All Stars and participated in the annual classic held April 6 at Delta State University. (EC Photo)

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ENROLLED IN ECCC DRAFTING COURSE - Leah Goudeaux, an East Central Community College freshman from Meridian and MaCreszz Beamon, a freshman from Newton, check details of a roof drawn in an architectural drafting class, just one of the many projects available for students enrolled in the Drafting and Design Technology program. To receive more information about careers in architectural drafting, surveying, mechanical drafting or other related fields of study, contact the ECCC Drafting Department, located in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Ph 635-2111. (EC Photo)

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Preparing for careers

Learning how to use an EDM and Data Collector, just some of the state-of-the-art equipment utilized in training Drafting and Design technology students at East Central Community College, are, from left, freshman Charlie Harris of Lake, sophomore Kip Wilcher of Edinburg and freshman

Leah Goudebux of Meridian. To receive more information about careers in surveying, architectural drafting, mechanical drafting or other related fields of study, contact the ECCC Drafting Department, located in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, phone 635-2111.

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**Shonda Sanders
Wins award**

Shonda Sanders, a graduate of Sebastopol High School, is the recipient of Zeta's Scholarship Award, for 1994-1995. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Sanders of Forest. Shonda is a student at East Central Community College of Decatur.

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Receive Art Awards... Shown displaying their award-winning artwork are East Central Community College students Jason Jackson (left) of Conehatta and Missouri Ferguson (right) of Philadelphia who recently competed in the annual Mississippi Community College Art Competition held at Meridian Community College. Both students received honorable mention in their respective categories. Jackson's entry was a charcoal drawing entitled "Case of the Missing Shoe" and Ferguson submitted a two-dimensional design named "Ghostly Image." Jackson, a freshman liberal arts major, is a graduate of Newton County High School and Ferguson, a freshman art major, is a product of Choctaw Central. Both are students of ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy who is pictured with the talented young artists. (EC Photo)

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Work on ECCC Project...Chris Mowdy (right), an East Central Community College sophomore from Philadelphia, takes a break from his work at a Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) station to offer assistance to sophomore Stacy Edwards of Louisville as they work on a project in a structural drafting class. The CAD Center is located in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. To receive more information about careers in architectural drafting, surveying, mechanical drafting or other related fields of study, contact the ECCC Drafting Department, Ph 635-2111. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Students Accepted To Med Schools

Several East Central Community College students have been notified of their acceptance into various medical programs for the 1995-96 term.

Students accepted to physical therapy school at the University Medical Center in Jackson include Angela Cockerham of Union, Dan Young of Carthage and Jessica Myers of Conehatta. Cockerham, a recent graduate of Millsaps College, is a product of Union high School. Young is a graduate of Leake Academy while Myers completed her secondary studies at Sebastopol High School.

Those who have been admitted to the Center's occupational therapy school are Jana Wilkerson and Melissa Jones, both of Carthage, who are also graduates of Leake Academy. Craig Wolf of Forest has

been admitted to the Center's radiology program.

Accepted to Pharmacy School at the University of Mississippi are Robin Hendon of Forest, a graduate of Scott Central High School, and Laura Robinson of Philadelphia, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

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Laree Lyle chosen as member of EC's Centrallettes, Accents group

By BEN WALL
Update Reporter

LaRee Lyle, a Senior, was recently selected for both The Accents and The Centrallettes for the 1995-96 East Central Community College school year.

The tryout for The Accents consisted of vocal range, testing for ear, and overall singing ability. The Accents is a special vocal ensemble of East Central choir students. Lyle

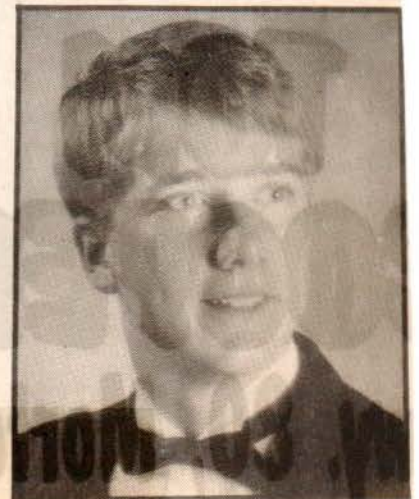
commented, "I believe that I'll fit right in. I love to sing and dance".

The Centrallettes is the danceline that performs with the East Central Marching Band. Lyle's tryout for the danceline consisted of learning two dances and presenting them that day. "I've been a cheerleader all my life," stated Lyle. "I believe that joining the dance team will be a unique and fun change."

Robinson receives band scholarship

By KRISTI WEAVER
Update Reporter

On February 10, 1995, Corey Robinson received a band scholarship of \$750 per semester from East Central Community College. Corey has played in the band for eight years. He is currently serving as drum captain and playing the snare drum and the quads. After graduating from East Central, Corey plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in Civil Engineering. Congratulations Corey!



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Richard Edwards chosen as EC drum major for marching band

By TIFFANY EDWARDS
Update Reporter

Richard Edwards, a senior at Scott Central High School, was recently signed to the East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band as one of the two drum majors for the next two years. Due to the growing size of East Central's Marching Band, Director Thomas Carson decided to add a second assistant drum major. Sixteen of the senior drum majors from the five-county area that supports East Central were invited to audition for the position. Of those auditioned, Richard was selected to fill the position of assistant drum major. As assistant drum major, Richard will work with Ms. Brandy Crenshaw, East Central's head drum major. Upon entering his sophomore year at ECCC, Richard will move up to

the position of head drum major.

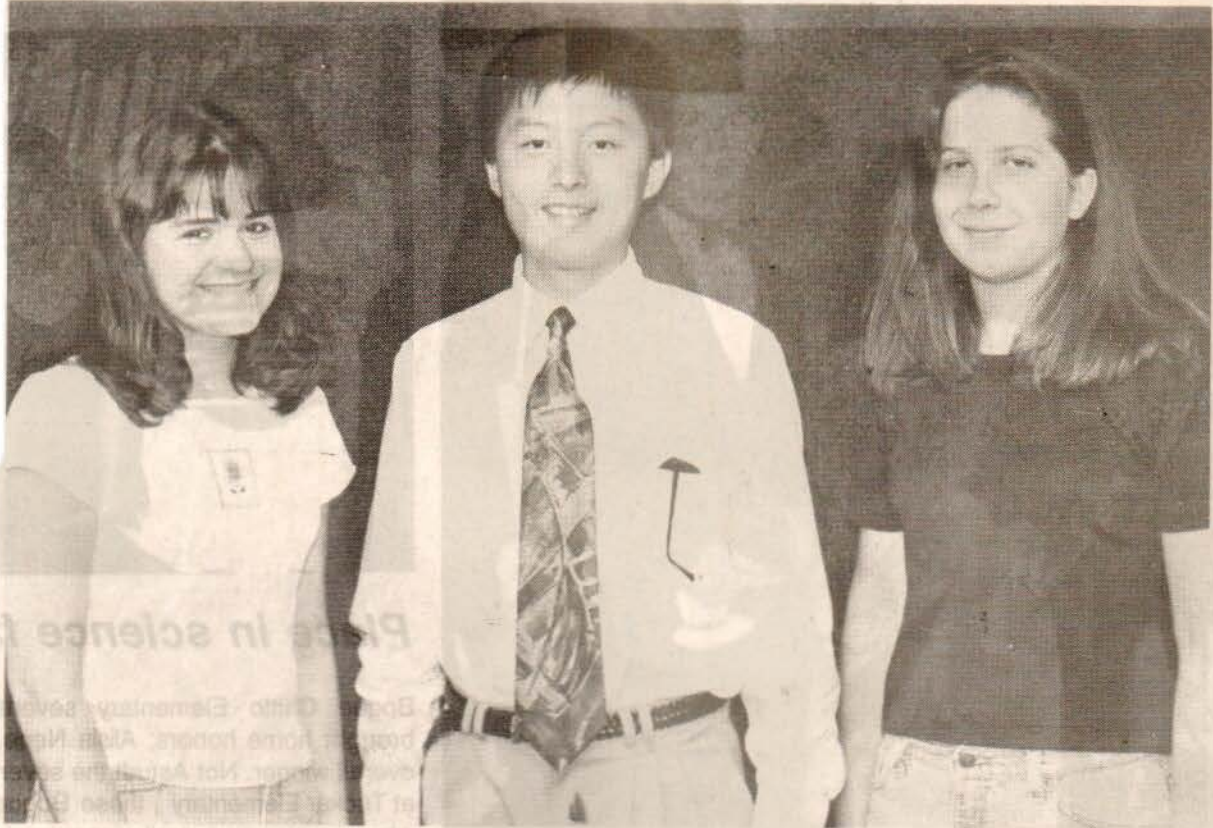
At Scott Central, Richard is actively involved in the school's band program. Richard has been a member of the band for seven years, where he has played both the trumpet and the French horn. Richard has also served as drum major for the Scott Central Rebel Marching Band for the past two years. In his tenure as drum major, Richard has received four consecutive "Superior" ratings at state and district festivals and will be competing along with the "Rebel Pride" in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, at the end of April.

When asked how he felt about receiving the position, Richard said, "I'm very excited. It's something I really worked for and wanted." He also added, "I'd like to thank my family and friends for their encouragement and support."

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Top honors

These area students won top honors in the annual East Central Community College District Mathematics Contest and Seminar recently held on the Decatur campus. From left are Amanda Moore of Carthage High School, first place, and second place winners Sasha Yun, also of Carthage, and Ashley Brewer of Neshoba Central. Not pictured is Heather Beckham of Leake Academy who also tied for second place.

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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP - Vicki Adcock (left) of Decatur, a freshman secondary education major at East Central Community College, was the recipient of the Kappa Kappa Iota scholarship which was presented during Awards Day activities by Mrs. Carleen Gilmore of Sebastopol. Mrs. Gilmore, a teacher at Newton County Elementary School, serves as president of the Upsilon Conclave in Newton County. Each year the organization presents a \$150 scholarship to an ECCC student from Newton County who has chosen teaching as a profession and has at least a 2.5 grade point average. Adcock, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adcock of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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PARTICIPATE IN HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - These East Central Community College students who are members of Theta XI Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, recently completed their spring semester service project which involved picking up trash along a two-mile stretch of Highway 15 south of Decatur. Among PTK members participating in the clean-up project, which netted over 65 bags of trash, included (front row, from left) Lorrie Howell of Carthage, Staci Strebeck and Melissa McLelland, both of Decatur; Ronda Jones of Forest, Chris Gomillion of Harperville and Mandy Goldman of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Jon Sharp and Valeria Buggs, both of Newton; Faith Mathis of Carthage, John Ferguson of Hickory, Brad Gipson of Newton and Ryan Smith of Little Rock; and (in back) Dr. Shelby Harris who serves as advisor along with Mrs. Ann Burkes. (EC Photo)

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PTK PLANTS MEMORIAL TREE - A pink dogwood was recently planted by Phi Theta Kappa members at East Central Community College in honor of Mike Watson, an Oklahoma native and senior director of the programs division at the organization's international headquarters in Jackson, and in memory of the children who lost their lives in the Oklahoma City bombing. Shown with shovels preparing to plant the tree in Miller Garden are (from left) Jon Sharp of Newton, recently elected president of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter for 1995-96, and Mike Hurst of Hickory, outgoing chapter president. Advisors are Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes. (EC Photo)

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ECCC MATH CONTEST PARTICIPANTS - These students from Newton County High School competed in the annual East Cental Community College Mathematics Contest and Seminar recently held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jennifer Corley, Angie Burton, Kelly Griffith, Shantal Mayes, Tabitha McGee and (back row, from left) Jennifer Burkin, LaJuan Dean, Holly Hamrick and Marissa McGee. Mrs. Kathy Pearce serves as sponsor. Schools from throughout the ECCC district participated in the scholastic competition which was won by Carthage High School. (EC Photo)

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INDUCTED INTO SIGMA TAU DELTA AT UWA - Fourteen new members were inducted into Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society at the University of West Alabama during initiation ceremonies at the Livingston Presbyterian Church. Initiation ceremonies followed the Honors Day ceremony and reception held on campus. New members are (first row left to right) Anglea Taylor of Meridian, Monica Logan of Newton, Beth Grant of Meridian, (second row left to right) Nicole Knight of Thomasville, Lori Hutcherson of Greenville, Jennifer Jordan of Meridian, Mindy Pearson of Moundville and Stephanie Timbrall of Meridian, (third row left to right) Chris Dyer of Meridian, DeLisa Brand of Meridian, Erica Parker of Bellamy and Holly McKinney of Livingston.

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ECCC names Hall of Famers for 1994-1995

Six students have been selected for inclusion in the 1994-95 East Central Community College Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at East Central.

Selected for the honor are sophomores Lorrie Howell, Mike Hurst, Ronda Jones, Philip Prince, Kris Rigdon and Mandy Sessums.

Howell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Howell of Carthage. She is a member of the Warrior Band, the Collegians, and the Warrior Corps.

She also participated in the recent production of "Annie" presented by the ECCC Players, for which she serves as secretary.

Howell is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa where she is vice president of the Service Hallmark. She is a President's List scholar and is on the National Dean's List. Howell was also selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

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RECEIVE STATE VICA AWARDS - These East Central Community College students who are members of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) received various honors at the organization's State Leadership and Skill Olympics held at Jones Junior College in Ellisville. Award winners include (seated from left) Teri Ehring of Lawrence, first place, IJob Skill Demonstration; Katrina Thames of Decatur, second, Cosmetology Contest Model; Nancy Jones of Lake, first Cabinetmaking; and (standing from left) Melissa Windham of Meridian, second, Job Interview; Laurie Hall of Meridian, second, Cosmetology; Tyrome Tank of Philadelphia, third, Carpentry; Alan Spears of Philadelphia, second, Residential Wiring; and Michael Bradley of Union, second, Major Appliance Repair. Not pictured are Randy Germany of Union, first place, Collision Repair, and Keith Tadlock of Forest who was elected State Historian. First place winners advance to national competition scheduled June 26-30, 1995, in Kansas City, Missouri. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC 'SPECIAL' AWARDS - These area school children received "special" awards at the annual East Central Community College Players Banquet for their participation in the spring musical presentation of "Annie". Pictured are (front row, from left) Kristen Hedrick, Haley Harris, Kery McDill, Blair Anderson and (back row, from left) Krissi Harris, Krystal Burton and Jennifer Carson. Not pictured is Allison Gressett. Special recognition was also given to Lisa Harrison, a senior at Newton County High School, for her participation in the musical. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC PLAYER AWARDS - Recipients of "Oscars" presented during the East Central Community College Players Banquet included (seated from left) Celeste McKee of Newton, best supporting actress (Steel Magnolias); Stephanie Hodges of Lena, co-award for best actress (Steel Magnolias); Vicki Adcock of Decatur, honorable mention for best supporting actress (Annie) and outstanding contributions award; Nichole Crimm of Morton, co-award winner for best actress (Steel Magnolias) and best female vocalist (Annie); and (standing from left) Jody Riser of Forest, stage manager award (Annie); Matt Howell of Walnut Grove, best supporting actor (Annie); stage manager award (Steel Magnolias) and outstanding contribution award; Jerry Swindle of Union, best male chorus member (Annie); and Eric Jordan of Decatur, best actor (Annie). (EC Photo)

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RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE - Certificates of appreciation were presented to the above individuals for their various contributions in support of the East Central Community College Players during the fall dinner theatre and spring musical presentations. Seated from left are Vicki Adcock and Mrs. Marie Hinson, both of Decatur; Sherri Hefflin of Philadelphia and (standing from left) Stacey Davis of Morton, Shane Sullivan of Louisville and James Ware of Union. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC VOCATIONAL AWARDS - Recipients of vocational honors presented during Awards Day activities held at East Central included (from left) Nancy Jones of Lake, Cabinetmaking; Sherry Barstis of Philadelphia, Licensed Practical Nursing; and Laurie Hall of Meridian, Vocational Student of the Year and Cosmetology Award. Not pictured is Rodney Lyles of Forest, Carpentry. (EC Photo)



HONORED AT ECCC - Receiving special recognition at East Central Community College's end-of-the-year dinner were the above College personnel who either resigned or retired from their respective positions. From left are Tim Glaze, Baptist Student Union director and his wife, Laurie, an economics instructor, who have accepted similar positions at William Carey College, and Ovid Vickers, who has retired from full-time duties as English instructor and Chairman of the Division of Communications and Fine Arts. Each was presented various gifts of appreciation from the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP - Kristen Barnett (center) of Decatur, a 1995 graduate at ECCC, is one of only four Mississippi community/junior college students selected to receive a Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Scholarship to attend the University of Mississippi. The prestigious honor, presented during Awards Day activities on the ECCC campus, covers a two-year period and has a total value of \$4800. Barnett, a liberal arts major, graduated from East Central with a 3.8 grade point average. A product of Newton County High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barnett of Decatur. Shown making the scholarship presentation is Missy Reid, community college admissions counselor and recruiter for Ole Miss. At right is Randall Lee, ECCC academic counselor. (EC Photo)

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PRESENTED USM SCHOLARSHIP - David Alexander (center) of Little Rock and a 1995 graduate of East Central Community College, was presented the annual University of Southern Mississippi Eddie M. Smith Scholarship during Awards Day activities recently held on the Decatur campus. Alexander, a liberal arts major, graduated from East Central with a 3.4 grade point average. A product of Newton County High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Alexander of Little Rock. Also pictured are Dr. Smith (left) ECCC president and Russ Willis, assistant director for admissions at USM. (EC Photo)



McGOWANS' RECEPTION - Shirley and Edward McGowan (left) are being congratulated by Dr. Eddie and Charlotte Smith (right) at their retirement reception held last Sunday afternoon at the Newton County Elementary School Cafeteria from 2 to 4 p.m. (See story next week).

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Attend ECCC band clinic

"Spirit of Carthage" band members who attended the ECCC Band Clinic '95 received medals at the annual Carthage Band Banquet held recently at the Carthage High School cafeteria. They are, from left, front, Kristy Freeny, Susan Inchcombe, LaSheka King; back, Becca Dowdle,

Zeke Farling, Donna Moore and Craig McRae. Not pictured are Steve Morgan and Cassandra Luckett. The Carthage High School Band is under the direction of Karen Girling.

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JOIN ECCC MATH SOCIETY - These East Central Community College students are among the most recent members of Mu Alpha Theta, an honorary mathematics society. Seated from left are Amy Phillips and Cherle McElhenney, both of Union; Phyllis Morrison, Newton; Shannon Goss, Morton; and Melanie Carosn, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Shane Atchley, Carthage; Chris Gomillion, Harperville; Corey Alford, Forest; and Brad Gressett, Lake. Mrs. Lois McMullan serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC TECHNICAL AWARDS - Recipients of technical honors presented during Awards Day activities held at ECCC Included (seated from left) Randy Germany of Union, Auto Body and Fender Repair; Maxine Dawkins of Montrose, Child Development Technology; Robert Courtney of Philadelphia, Computer Technology; Michael Donovan of Enterprise, Electrical Technology; Derrick Henson of Carthage, Electronic Technology; and (standing from left) Yancy Martin of Carthage, Machine Shop Technology; Jimothy Lewis of Lawrence, Metal Fabrication Technology; LeAnn Thomas of Meridian, Surgical Technology; and James Johnson of Lena, a Surgical Technology major, Technical Student of the Year. Not pictured are Steve Smith of Collinsville,

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ECCC AWARD WINNERS - Students who received "special" honors presented during Awards Day activities at East Central included (seated from left) Sandra Partridge of Noxapater, co-winner of the Mississippi Business Education Association Student Award; Mandy Sessums of Union, Secondary Education; Julie Joiner of Louisville, Spanish Award; David Alexander of Little Rock, USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship; and (standing from left) Philip Prince of Philadelphia, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence In Athletics; Patricia Terrell Trest of Philadelphia, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence In Nontraditional Education; and Eric Caples of Carthage, Anthony Coleman Men's Basketball Award. Not pictured are Mary Ann Williamson of Philadelphia, co-winner of the MBEA Student Award; Joyce Ellis of Philadelphia, Associate Degree Nursing Achievement Award; and Heather Wilson of Madden, WO-HE-LO Award. (EC Photo)

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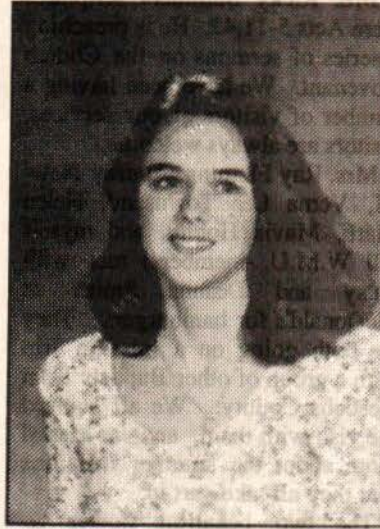
Reynolds named to Achievement Academy

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Deana Reynolds has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar. The USSA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Deana Reynolds, who attends East Central Community College, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Randall E. Lee.

Deana Reynolds will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stephens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy. The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation



Deana Reynolds

to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Deana Reynolds is the daughter of Peggy Reynolds of Noxapater, and Billy Reynolds of Philadelphia. The grandparents are Ersel Baskin of Noxapater, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reynolds of Philadelphia.

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Receive USM scholarships

Graduates of East Central Community College receiving Leadership Scholarships to attend the University of Southern Mississippi include from left, Philip Prince of Philadelphia, Mandy Sessums of Union, Lorrie Howell of

Carthage, Ronda Jones of Forest, Rexanne Chaney of Little Rock and Russ Willis, assistant director for admissions at USM.

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Boozer named scholar

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Tammye is the daughter of Charles and Bonnie Boozer. Her grandparents are Mae Boozer of Carthage, Ellie Sprayberry Harrell and the late Elvin Harrell of Carthage.

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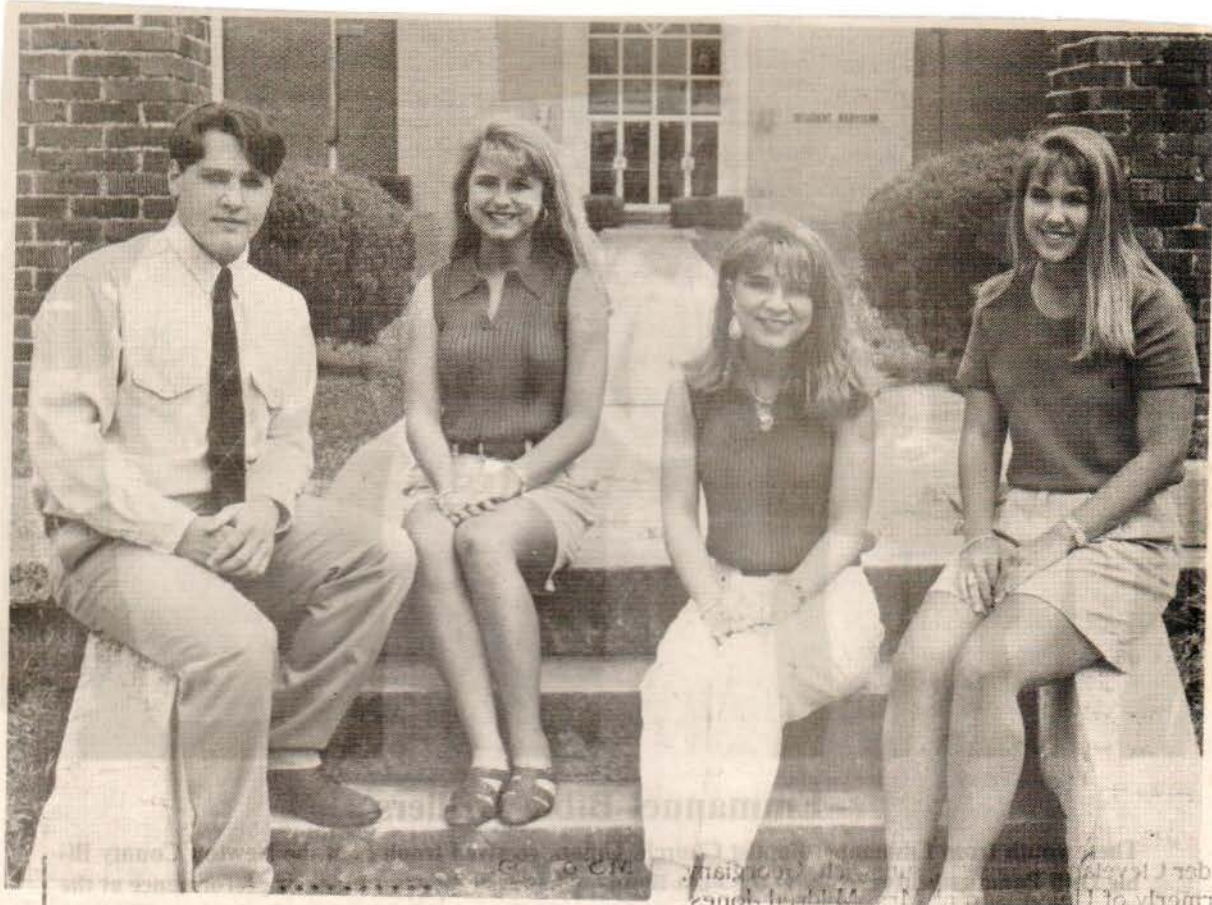
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BPW scholarship awarded

Dana Bell, left, representing the Garthage Business and Professional Women's Club, announced the 1995 Scholarship recipient as Jennifer Musgrove. Musgrove plans to attend East Central Community College in the fall and is presently employed by The Carthage Bank. She is an honor graduate of Leake Academy and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Musgrove of Carthage.

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ECCC Student Leaders... These East Central Community College students have been elected to serve as Student Body Association officers for the 1995-96 term. From left are Joey Thrash, president, Walnut Grove; and Mandy Goldman, vice president, Kyra Fulton, secretary and Heather Eakes, treasurer, all of Philadelphia. Thrash is a graduate of Sebastopol High School; Goldman, Neshoba Central; and Fulton and Eakes, Philadelphia High School.

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ECCC Announces Spring Semester Scholars

Students named to the 1995 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

McMullan said the college honor roll includes students selected on the President's List, Dean's List and those receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

The President's List includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those named to the Dean's List earned a 3.5 grade point average or above and students chosen on the Honorable Mention List achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average.

President's List includes from Newton County: Kimberlea Peckham Brower and Jessica Jillene Myers, both of CONEHATTA; Sara Delabar Houston, Rebecca Kristan Luke, Wendy Leigh Russell, Kimberly Propst Spillman and Katrina Moss Thames, all of DECATUR; David Michael Hurst, Jr., HICKORY; Teresa A. Burnett Ehrling and Robin M. Bugg Hines, both of LAWRENCE; Jeanne Rexanne Chaney, LITTLE ROCK; Valeria M. Buggs, NEWTON and Janice N. Beckham, Michael Wayne Bradley, Amanda Danielle Breland, Tanya Lynn Carpenter, Joseph Randall Germany, Steven Trent Mabry, Mandy Rae Sessums, Louis Madison

Skinner, Jr., Kimberly Boykin Smith and Pheobe L. Wansley, all of UNION.

Dean's List includes from Newton County: Rindy B. Home, CHUNKY; Larene Jones Graham, CONEHATTA; Kristen Leigh Barnett, Amanda Gibbs Blount, Carla Renee Glenn, Melissa Shea McLelland, Kristopher David Rigdon, Misty Dawn Savell, and Staci Michelle Strebeck, all of DECATUR; Robin Patch Acord, Christopher Charles Bond, Angela Celeste Cleveland, John Lee Ferguson, Dustin Barrett Ivey, Brenda Hutchison Rose and Virginia Joann Williams, all of HICKORY; Kirsty Breland Mann, LAWRENCE; Jennifer E. Hitt and Misty Renee Laird, both of LITTLE ROCK; B. Gabriel Brashier, John Bradley Gipson, Richard Graydon Hamrick, Stephanie H. Little, Glenda Williams Logan, Monte E. Gomeze Robinson, Jonathan Stewart Sharp, Ethel Barnes Tumbling, Jason Vanderporten and Martha Renee Wheeler, all of NEWTON; and Heidi Daree Apperson, Angelia Sue Cockerham, Jean Kristi Gordon, Miriam Maynard Gordon, Melissa K. Guthrie, Brandi Lashonda Harber, Stacy Lynn Walters Mott, Christopher Brian Mowdy, Alan R. Spears, Andy Jay Suggs and Sammy Dale Sullivan, all of UNION.

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INSTALLS OFFICERS - 1995-96 officers for Kappa Kappa Iota Upsilon Conclave are Sandra Amis, president; Alisia McMillan, president elect; Michele Ergle, secretary; Myerl Langford, parliamentarian and Carleen Gilmore, ex-officio. (Kappa Kappa Iota Photo)

Kappa Kappa Iota Elects New Officers

Upsilon Conclave, Kappa Kappa Iota recently met in the home of Sandra Amis of Conehatta with Myerl Langford assisting as hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Carleen Gilmore. For a devotional Mrs. Langford read scripture from the book of Proverbs and a poem from "Ideals".

Roll call and minutes were read by Alisia McMillan. Sandra Amis gave a treasurer's report. President Gilmore reported on the Kappa Scholarship which was presented to Vicki Adcock, an education major at ECCC. In a special service directed by Sandra Amis, two new members were initiated: Angie Hudson and Michele Ergle.

Officers for the 1995-96 year were installed in a beautiful ceremony presented by Marie Hinson, State Kappa Kappa Iota President. New officers are: Sandra Amis-president; Alisia McMillan-

president elect; Linda Guraedy-first vice president; Penny Luke-second vice president; Nena Leatherwood-third vice president; Michele Ergle-secretary and Myerl Langford-parliamentarian.

Members attending were: Marie Hinson, Sherry McDill, Carleen Gilmore, Angie Hudson, Lillian Horton, Michele Ergle, Sandra Amis, Alisia McMillan and Myerl Langford.

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Area students are as follows:

President's List

Bradley A. Burns, Ella Mae King Crocker, Lynette Kelly Fulton, Amanda Jill Goldman, Sherri Burkes Heflin, Emily Jill Kirkland, Sylvia Willis Pope, Laura Lea Robinson, Patricia Terrell Trest, and Michael David Wilson.

Dean's List

William Lundy Brantley, Michael Brooks Bryan, Staci Diane Bryan, Debbie Lynn Clark, Robert Ernest Courtney, Rhonda Michelle Farve, Jason Scott Fulton, Max Ryan Maxey, Harold Dewitt McAdory, Tyler Aaron Nowell, Kandi Carol Poe, Rhonda D. Sanderford, Marsha Diane Thomas, Jacqueline Dane Vance and Robert Irven Whittle.

Honorable Mention

Randy Morris Bain, Sherry Richey Barstis, Kevin Wayne Baysinger, Amanda Lynn Bell, Jeffrey Boswell, Tim Payton Chapman, Maggie Bell Chitto, Leigh Ann Coats, Kyra Lea Fulton, Robert Clayton Fulton II, Kellie Myers Goss, Mona Jill Graham, Lisa Woods Harrison, Shannon Dawn Jenkins, Raymond Lee Johnson, Jonathan Davis Jones, Christy Leann Madison, Natosha Mechele Madison, Sylvia D. Collins Majure, Sonia Lynn McBreaity, Charlie Brad Moody, Philip Derrick Prince, Ronald Ryan Sam, Tyrome Wayne Tank, David Craig Vowell, Ariadne Kay Wallace, Jessica Lee Warren, Rowena W. Whitham, Kathleen Cronin Whitt and Mary Ann Ross Williamson.

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Participate in ECCC Program... These East Central Community College students were among participants in the new Work-Based Learning Program which is offered through the College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center located on the Decatur campus. Work-Based Learning is a curriculum for technology majors that blends classroom instruction and structured laboratory experiences at participating worksites in an effort to better prepare students for current and future careers in a highly technical workplace. Students who participated in the program, their hometown, major and corresponding place of employment include (seated from left) LaMonica Harris of Lawrence, Business Technology, Sunburst Bank in Decatur; Sonia McBreaity of Philadelphia, Business Technology, La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Mary Ann Williamson of Philadelphia, Business Technology, Wells Cabinet Works in Philadelphia; and Maggie Chitto of Philadelphia, Child Development Technology, MBCI-Headstart in Philadelphia. Standing from left are Steven Denson of Morton, Drafting

Technology, Goss Fire Protection in Forest; Chris Mowdy of Union, Drafting and Design Technology, Wells Cabinet Works in Philadelphia; Steve Smith of Collinsville, Automotive Technology, Mississippi Power Company in Meridian; Todd Adkins of Union, Machine Shop Technology, U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia; Steven Curtis of Philadelphia, Automotive Technology, Triple M. Motors in Carthage and Roger Whitlock, Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Students also participating in the WBL Program but are not pictured include Yancy Martin of Carthage, Machine Shop Technology, U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia; Penny Hartman of Forest, Business Technology, Hughes Aircraft in Forest; Danielle Breland of Union, Business Technology, Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian; Richard Cutrer of Philadelphia, Killens Chevrolet in Newton; and Randy Germany of Union, Auto Body Repair Technology, Car City in Forest. Special recognition was given to the above listed program participants during Work-Based Learning Program Advisory Committee meeting recently held on the Decatur campus.

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Johnson named Nat'l scholar in field of surgical nursing

The American Association of Surgical Technologists has recently named James Bradley Johnson of Lena a National Collegiate Scholar in the field of surgical nursing. James was named a National Scholar due to his outstanding achievement in the classroom; as well as, his knowledge of various surgical procedures in the clinical setting.

James, a 1990 graduate of Carthage High School, 1992 and 1995 graduate of East Central Community College will be able to compete for over \$50,000 in scholarships to complete his degree.

James will attend the National Health Occupations Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June to represent East Central on the National Healthcare Issues Examination.

James is the son of Bobbie Johnson of Lena and Charlie Johnson of Canton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Freeny and Mrs. and Mrs. Rolph Johnson of Lena.



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New classes added to Kid's College at ECCC

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Several new classes have been added to the annual Kids' College and Junior High Enrichment Program being offered this summer by East Central Community College in Decatur.

Now in its eighth year, the educational and entertaining program offers a variety of classes for elementary age (7-11) and junior high (12-14) students. New offerings include "Home Alone and What To Do," "Study Skills for Junior High School Students," "Manners and Etiquette," "New Games for Children," and "Money Management Skills for Junior High Students."

In all, 26 classes will be offered for elementary and junior high students on the Decatur campus and at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center.

The schedule of classes for each location is listed below:

DECATUR

JUNE 26-30

Elementary Age

- Manners and Etiquette (8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)
- Beginning Tennis (10:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Junior High Age

- Manners and Etiquette (8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)
- Intermediate Tennis (10:10 a.m. - 12 noon)

JULY 10-14

Elementary Age

- Conversational Spanish (8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)
- New Games for Children (10:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Junior High Age

- Home Alone and What To Do (8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)
- Money Management Skills (10:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

PHILADELPHIA

JULY 17-21

Elementary Age

- Conversational Spanish (8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)
- Home Alone and What To Do (10:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Junior High Age

- Money Management Skills (10:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

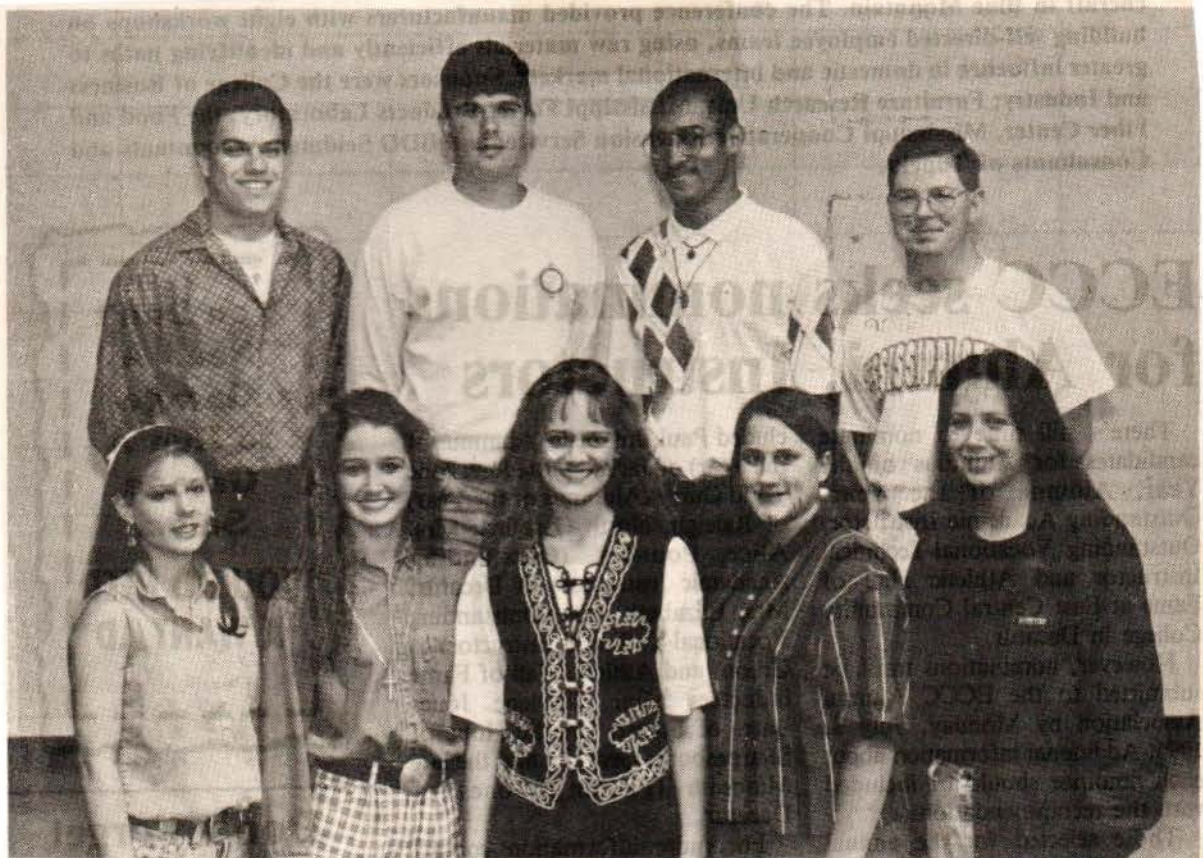


Receives ECCC Nursing Award...Joyce P. Ellis

(left) of Philadelphia, a sophomore at East Central Community College, is shown receiving the Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement Award presented by pediatric nursing instructor Dr. Jane Hurst during Awards Day activities recently held on the Decatur campus. Ellis is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. (EC

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ECCC Math Contest Finalists... Winning second place honors in the annual East Central Community College Mathematics Contest and Seminar were the above team members from Neshoba Central High School who include (front row, from left) Sarah Fulton, Carla Clark, Olivia Irons, Amanda Wells, Ashley Brewer and (back row, from left) Bryan Moore, Ben Myers, Thomas Chambers and Larry McCullough. Brewer also tied for second in the individual competition. Mr. Robert White serves as advisor. Schools from throughout the ECCC district participated in the scholastic event which was won by Carthage High School. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Honorable Mention List

The following area students at East Central Community College in Decatur have been named to the Honorable Mention List for the spring semester. The list includes students who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. They are:

Walnut Grove: Pamela Renee Ferguson and Tabatha Lynn Gainey. **Madden:** Heather Nicole Wilson.

Philadelphia: Randy Morris Bain, Sherry Richey Barstis, Kevin Wayne Baysinger, Amanda Lynn Bell, Jeffrey Boswell, Tim Payton Chapman, Maggie Bell Chitto, Leigh Ann Coats, Kyra Lea Fulton, Robert Clayton Fulton II, Kellie Myers Goss, Mona Jill Graham, Lisa Woods Harrison, Shannon Dawn Jenkins, Raymond Lee Johnson, Jonathan Davis Jones, Christy Leann Madison, Natosha Mechelle Madison, Sylvia D. Collins Majure, Sonia Lynn McBreaity, Charlie Brad Moody, Philip Derrick Prince, Ronald Ryan Sam, Tyrome Wayne Tank, David Craig Vowell, Ariadne Kay Wallace, Jessica Lee Warren, Rowena W. Whitham, Kathleen Cronin Whitt and Mary Ann Ross Williamson.

Chunky: Christie Marie Butts, Tina Glover Reynolds and Alex C. Savell. **Conehatta:** Ronnie Perry Adcock, Charles Scott Brown III, Angie M. Cleveland, Kerry Alane Gibbon, Sean E. Gibson, Christopher Wade Graham, Michael Shannon Jimmie, Heather Lynn McDill, Quendal Hayes Shoemake, Patricia Watkins Webb, Robert Todd Williams, Janice Williamson and Wilburn Williamson Jr.

Decatur: Victoria Bernice Adcock, Elaine Annette Blount, Wanda Gwen Burton, Ginger Bethan Carter, Diane Louise Evans, Rhonda Lynn Evans, Eric Demond Goodman, Marcus D. Hill, Eric Todd Jordan, Melissa Paige Loper, Lisa Karen Moulds, Joy Sheely Munn, Timothy Bryan Richardson, Gloria S. Rigdon and Lorrie Ponder Stamper. **Hickory:** Ross Whitney Little and Katherine Daniell Strait.

Lawrence: William Ryan Buteux, Lorie A. May, Jason Eugene Walker and Leslie Carol Walton. **Little Rock:** David Alexander, Chrissie Lynn Chaney, Elizabeth M. Knochenmuss, Robert Chad Lewis, Angela Melissa Luke, Ryan Michael Smith and Lashanda Lee Strange. **Newton:** Randy Leon Bradley, Leroy Coleman Jr., Toshia Tonyell Harris, Patty L. Carney Killough, Virginia Carol Mabry, Celeste Marie McKee, Kelly Renae Prine Miller, Phyllis Jowers Morrison, Richard Henry Thoms and Marcia Leigh Vance.

Union: Marinda Joy Comans, Jennifer S. Cumberland, Christopher Steve Ezelle, Pamela Cumberland Goss, Charlie Max Hardin, Shannon Alice Harrison, Shauna Darby Hedgepeth, Ryan Joe Henry, Richard Lamar Johnson, Orenthal J. McNichols, Amy Annette Monk, Jenifer Jalane Moorehead, Beverly Annette Nickey, Shawna Lynn Patchin, Gayla Marie Penson, Robbie Earl Pierce, Bruce Scott Posey, Kimberly Mowdy Price, Mark D. Rainer, Joseph Berwyn Rigdon, Holly E. Sharp, Bryan Scott Staton, Charles O. Tillman and Jeremy A. Wilkerson.

Lake: Brad M. Gressett, Charles Hamilton Harris, Michael Antonio Perozo, Kathy Smith Sanders and Christopher Lee Stroud. **Sebastopol:** Tony Michael Anthony Jr., Victoria Gayle Burton and Bryant Max Lang. **Collinsville:** Stephen Ray Smith.

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Graduation

**Third Leadership Class Graduates...**

These Newton countians are among the graduates of the third Leadership Newton County class. The 'students' were selected through county's Chambers of Commerce. They are: (from left) Brian Hatch, Jon Mason, Karen Hatch, James Smith, Jeff

Cumberland, Mike Dearing, Tommy Williams, Troy Brown, Charlotte Griffin, Dan Gorgas, Daisy Gardner, Charles Dudley, Camilla Boler, Thomas Fortenberry, Beverly Keen, Terry Sessums, Sandi Comans and Robert Carleton. The leadership classes were sponsored by local and corporate businesses.
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Area students attend ECCC orientation session

A record 227 students attended orientation activities held Saturday, June 17 at East Central Community College.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes, reserve dormitory space, take required placement tests and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Participants are also treated to a complimentary lunch in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Among those attending the record-breaking session were the following students from Neshoba County and their respective high schools: Dawnena Dey John, Chocataw Central; Catha Lynn Allison, Bonnie Kay Bates, Gregory Lynn Chitwood, Josh Glenn Commer, David Brock Cook, Thomas Bradley Cosgrove, Melanie Elaine Eubanks, Charles Jason Hall, Michael Scott Kilpatrick, April Lynn Ladd, Bryan Steven Madison, Jill Marie Martin, Olivia Dean

McDaniel, Jerry Michael McWilliams, Travis Lee Mitchell, Benjamin Glenn Myers, Mark O. Nance, Steven Richardson, Erica Denise Roberson, Sammy E. Robertson, Amanda D. Savell, Amy Nicole Shealy, Dana M. Stokes, Ryan R. White and Samuel Wayne White, all of Neshoba Central; and Laura Lee Anderson, Wendy Marie Davis, Todd Nance Fulton, Justin Lee Griffin, Grant P. Myers, Patricia L. Thompson and Melanie Elaine Webb, all of Philadelphia.

Additional orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 6; Thursday, July 20; and Saturday, August 20. Registration for each session begins at 8 a.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 23, 1995.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 206.

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and Tonya Fay Williamson, all of Morton; Ryan Douglas Burkes, Richard Dwight Edwards, Rebecca Jo Jones, Angela Marie Judge, Leslie Michael Tucker and Aishia Leigh Woods, all of Scott Central; and Clint E. Arthur, Joseph Lee Brown, Gary Lashun Butler, Mechard Deon Carter, Mary Denise Dooley, Michael Thomas Edwards, Olivia Marie Hamil, Johnny Ray Jordan, Shonda Marie Sanders, Andrew T. Underwood, Brad S. Underwood and Margaret Ann Vance, all of Sebastopol. Also attending orientation from Scott County was Lance E. Eichelberger of Forest, a graduate of Jackson Academy.

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EC attenders

Among area students who attended orientation activities held June 17 at East Central Community College were (from left) Mrs. Tammy Evans of Carthage, Nikki Bateman of Nanih Waiya, and Sonya Smith and Todd Smith both of Noxapater.



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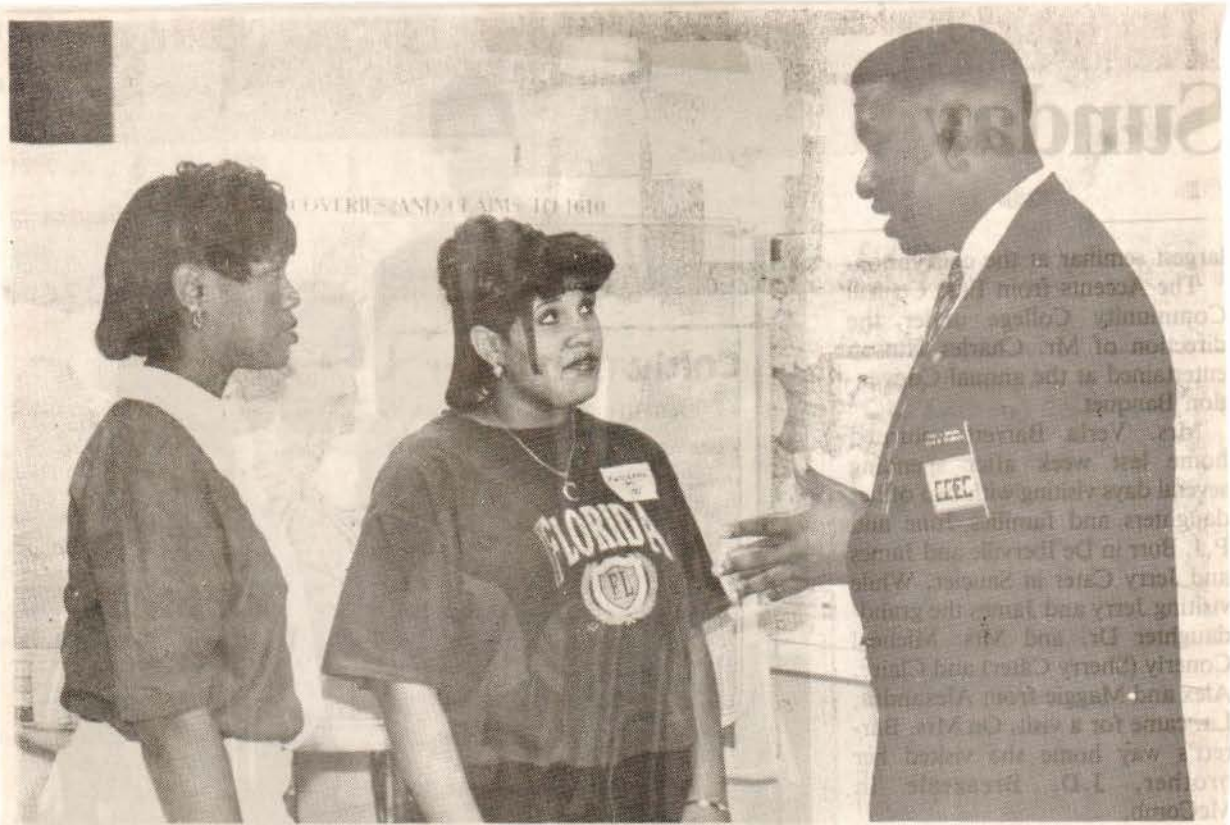
These area students were among participants in the June 17 orientation session held at East Central Community College. From left are Stephanie Lawther, Carthage Chris-

tian Academy; Tara Hall, Marsha Hardage, Nikki Callahan and Ashley Davidson, all of Leake Academy; and Jason Coleman, Carthage Christian Academy.

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ECCC Orientation Participants... Troy Brown, dean of students at East Central Community College, explains various aspects of college life to sisters Billie McCune (left) and Cassandra McCune, both of Union, during orientation activities held recently on the Decatur campus. By attending an orientation session, students can advance register for fall classes, reserve dormitory space and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Thursday, July 6; Thursday, July 20; and Saturday, August 12. Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 23. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205.

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Scholarships



Amy Phillips



Lorri Savell

ESCO Scholarship Winners

ESCO Corporation is pleased to announce that Amy Phillips and Lorri Savell are the winners of the 1995 ESCO Newton Scholarships. Awarded to dependents of ESCO employees and retirees, each scholarship qualified the recipient to receive up to \$1,500 per year for four years.

Amy, Salutarian and Star Student for the 1995 Lake High School graduating class, earned an impressive list of academic accomplishments during her high school career. Her extra-curricular activities included being co-editor of the high school annual and a member of the Beta Club. Amy is a member of Hazel Baptist Church.

She plans to attend East Central Community and pursue a career in Nursing.

Amy is the daughter of Cobert and Sandra Phillips. Cobert, an

ESCO employee for 24 years, works in the Methods Department.

Lorri, a 1995 graduate of Newton High School excelled academically and was involved in many extra-curricular activities. She is a member of Beta Club, Annual Staff, MuAlpha Theta, FBLA and class representative for student government. As part of the school Co-op program, Lorri works at Newton Regional Hospital. A member of the Newton United Methodist Church, Lorri participated in an Appalachian Service Project.

She plans to attend Millsaps College and pursue a career in the medical field.

Lorri is the daughter of Hamp and Susan Savell. An ESCO employee for 22 years, Hamp is a Melting Foreman.

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Join ECCC Honor Society... These East Central Community College students from the Philadelphia area were recently tapped for membership into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only, with freshmen required to have at least a 3.4 grade point average and sophomores, a 3.3 GPA. Inductees include (front, from left) Kyra Fulton and Rhonda Sanderford; (middle row, from left) Robert Courtney, Brad Burns, Shannon Jenkins, Christy Madison, Jill Kirkland and Mandy Goldman; and (top row, from left) Charlie Hardin, Michael Wilson, Bruce Posey, Ty Nowell, Craig Vowell, Brooks Bryan and Matt Skinner. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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Inducted into Hall of Fame

These outstanding East Central Community College students were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame during Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus. Membership in the prestigious group is the highest honor a student can receive at ECCC. Selection is made based on scholarship, character, leadership, participation in extracurricular activities and contribution to the College. Inductees for 1995-96 are (front row, from left) Lorrie Howell of Carthage, Ronda Jones of Forest and (back row, from left) Kris Rigdon of Decatur, Mandy Sessions of Union, Mike Hurst of Hickory and Phillip Prince of Philadelphia.

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Receive ECCC technical awards

Recipients of technical honors presented during Awards Day activities held at East Central Community College include (seated from left) Randy Germany of Union, Auto Body and Fender Repair; Maxine Dawkins of Montrose, Child Development Technology; Robert Courtney of Philadelphia, Computer Technology; Michael Donovan of Enterprise, Electrical Technology; Derrick Henson of Carthage, Electronic Technology; and (standing from left) Yancy Martin of Carthage, Machine Shop Technology; Jimothy Lewis of Lawrence, Metal Fabrication Technology; LeAnn Thomas of Meridian, Surgical Technology; and James Johnson of Lena, a Surgical Technology major, Technical Student of the Year. Not pictured are Steve Smith of Collinsville, Automotive Technology; Johnny Shoemaker of Forest, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; and Chris Mowdy of Union, O.L. Newell Drafting Award.

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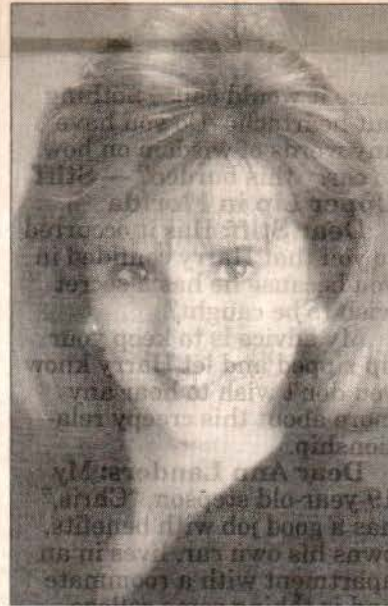
Receive alumni memorial awards

These East Central Community College students were recipients of Alumni Memorial Awards presented during Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Brad Peterson of Louisville, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Nichole Crimm of Morton, Alatha Chaney English Award; Doris Rigdon of Decatur, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering Award and Sue yarbrough Fulgham Speech Award; Monte Robinson of Newton, William S. Giffin Men's Intramurals; and Genia Griffin of Morton, Earline Wood Woman's Basketball. Standing from left are Tim Thompson of Lena, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Mike Hurst of Hickory, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Leadership Award and Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award; Jana Wilkerson of Carthage, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; and Lundy Brantley of Philadelphia, Andrew F. Webb Football Award...

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**Bethany Jinkerson****Mary Kristina Jones**

Two area women vie for state title

Two area women are among contestants for the title of Miss Mississippi this week in Vicksburg.

Bethany Jinkerson, Miss East Central Mississippi, and Mary Kristina Jones, Miss Morton, will be among the 37 contestants in the 38th annual state event. This year's theme "As Time Goes By" will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Miss America Pageant.

Three nights of preliminaries will determine who will be chosen for the Top 10. On Saturday, pageant week will conclude with the crowning of a new Miss Mississippi. Television production will be provided this year by an independent company and will be aired on several stations throughout the state.

USM student lessons and recitals and is music minister at the Petal and Rocky Hill Church of God.

An honor graduate of East Central Community College, Miss Jinkerson has toured through Europe with the USM concert choir. She plays eight different instruments, began writing music at age six and competed with college senior pianists at USM when she was in the eighth grade. She won the competition ranking Superior.

A volunteer for the American Cancer Society, she is a sponsor for Special Olympics and serves as a counselor for Camp Bluebird, a camp for cancer patients.

Miss Jones, 21, is a junior at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a 1992 graduate of Forest High School. She attended the U.S. Air Force Academy for two years.

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Contestants arrived in Vicksburg Sunday and held a news conference at Harrah's Hotel.

New on the schedule this year was the Miss Mississippi Pageant parade Monday night through downtown Vicksburg that ended with an autograph party at Harrah's.

The state event, as does the national program, provides scholarships for contestants. This year, cash scholarship awards given by the Miss Mississippi Corp. will be in excess of \$130,000 in addition to the thousands of dollars offered to contestants by junior colleges, colleges and universities in Mississippi. In 1994, the Miss Mississippi Corp. ranked second in the nation in cash scholarships offered.

Miss Jinkerson, 23, is the daughter of C. M. Jinkerson of Union.

She is a 1989 graduate of Sebastopol High School and is a music education major at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is pursuing a master's degree in vocal performance.

For the pageant, she will present a vocal performance of an operatic aria.

She has studied piano for 15 years; voice, nine years; clarinet, 10 years; conducting, four years; and drama, two years.

She has worked as a secretary at an insurance company, served as activities director at the Hattiesburg Convalescent Center, piano accompanist for

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She is the daughter of Ronny and Mary Jones of Forest.

The first female to receive the Sonny Montgomery principal nomination to a service academy and the first person from this area to go to the Air Force Academy, Miss Jones was the recipient

of the American Legion Award for Outstanding Service to one's country. She is currently a cadet in the 432nd Air Force ROTC Squadron at USM.

She will present a clogging routine as her talent at the pageant.

She has studied dance for 17 years and has participated in organized choir for 18 years, eight years of band, piano and gymnastics.

She works on the wait staff at Crescent City Grill, a booking assistant at a bank, student recruiter for Jeri's School of Dance, scorekeeper and umpire for Forest City Park.

At the USAFA, she was a member of the Protestant Cadet Choir, officer of Christian Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, USAFA Show Choir, USAFA Cadet Chorale, junior varsity cheerleader, USAFA Thespian Society. A member of Forest United Methodist Church, she is on the administrative board for Forest UMC, active in youth activities as a board member and volunteer.

■ DECATUR — David Alexander of



Little Rock and a 1995 graduate of East Central Community College was presented the annual University of Southern Mississippi Eddie M. Smith Scholarship

during Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus.

Alexander, a liberal arts major, graduated from ECCC with a 3.4 grade point average. A product of Newton County High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Alexander of Little Rock.

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ECCC math contest participants

Students from South Leake High School competing in the annual East Central Community College Mathematics Contest and Seminar held recently on the Decatur campus included, from left, front, Kim Stewart, Lawanda Shepeard,

Amy Brooks, Lawanda Lampkin, Rico McBeath; back, Jermeika Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Daniel Annear and Scott Jones. Richard Rivers serves as advisor.

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STATE CONTEST WINNERS - These surgical technology students at East Central Community College received various honors following participation in the annual Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference held in Jackson. Award winners included (seated from left) Denise Mabry and Leanne Thomas, both of Meridian; and (standing from left) Ella Crocker of Philadelphia, Rowena Davis of Montrose, James Johnson of Lena and Pam Smiley of Newton. Mabry, Crocker, Davis and Johnson finished in the top 70 percent of students who took the National Health Care Issues exam; Thomas placed third in the outstanding HOSA Chapter competition; and Smiley won third place honors in the surgical technology skills competition. Mrs. Janice Jacobs serves as surgical technology instructor. (EC Photo)

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Attend ECCC Orientation... These Neshoba Central graduates were among area students who attended orientation activities recently held at East Central Community College. From left are Mark Nance, Jill Martin, Amy Shealy and Ryan White. During orientation students register for fall classes, reserve dormitory space and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Thursday, July 6; Thursday, July 20; and Saturday, August 12. Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 23. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Orientation Participants...Recent Sebastopol graduates Margaret Vance (center) and Michael Edwards (right) were among area students who attended orientation activities held recently at East Central Community College and are shown receiving assistance in planning their fall semester class schedules from faculty member Ricky Harrison. During orientation students also reserve dormitory space and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday, July 6; Thursday, July 20; and Saturday, August 12. Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 23. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Orientation Participants... Olivia Hamil and Michael Lee (right) were among area students who attended orientation activities recently held at East Central Community College. The recent Sebastopol graduates are shown discussing their fall semester class schedules with Raymond McMullan, director of admission, records and research. During orientation students also reserve dormitory space and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday, July 20; and Saturday, August 12. Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 23. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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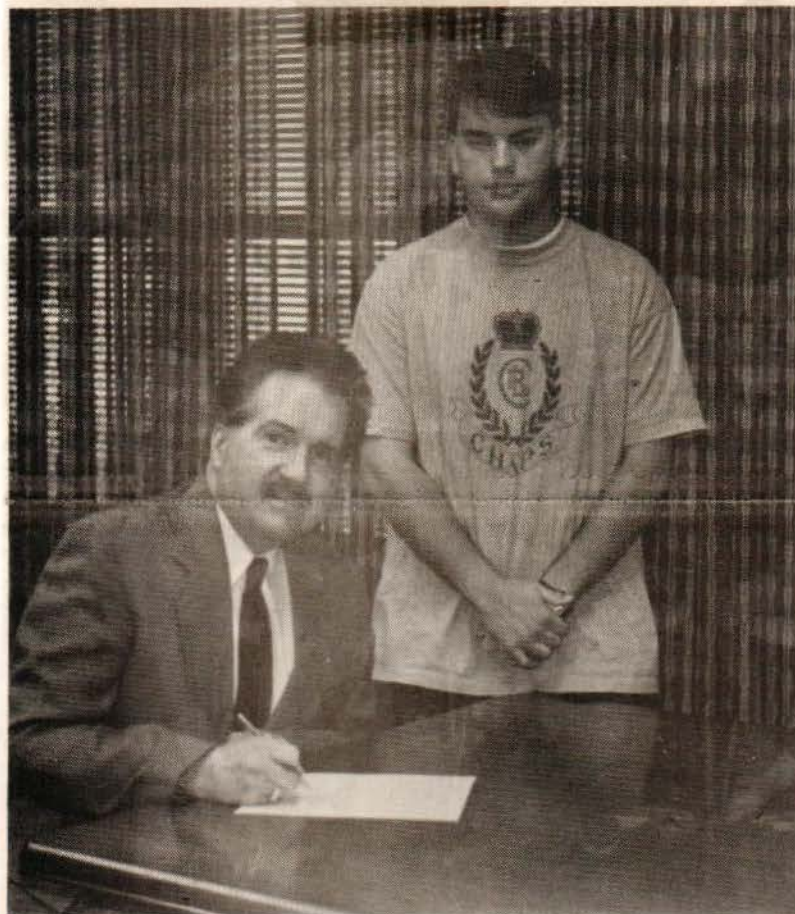
Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

These East Central Community College students from the Scott County area were recently inducted into the Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only, with freshmen required to have at least a 3.4 grade point average and sophomores, a 3.3 GPA. Inductees include (front row, from left) Melanie Cleveland, Forest; Marinda Comans and Tiffany McDill Lathem, both of Sebastopol; Wendy Nicholas, Forest; Angela Anthony and Heather McDill, both of Sebastopol; and Dawn Cockrell, Morton; (middle row, from left) Rochelle Reid, Forest and Miranda Rowan, Lena; and (top row, from left) Chris Gomillion, Harperville; Jody Riser, Joseph White and Brian Eure, all of Forest; Brian Eure, all of Forest; Brian Parker, Morton; Joseph Crain, Forest; Bobby Viverette, Sebastopol; and Brad Gressett, Lake. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serves as sponsors.

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ECCC Commits to PTK Project...Dr. Eddie

M. Smith, president of East Central Community College, is shown signing an agreement designating the College's participation in a national service project with Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Also participating in signing ceremonies is ECCC sophomore Jon Sharp of Newton who was selected president of the College's Theta Xi Chapter for the 1995-96 term. Sharp, an engineering major, is a graduate of Newton High School. Participation in the project includes involvement in various community activities, including such events as mental health awareness week and other service areas. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as PTK advisors on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Jody Bucannon Riser selected outstanding student

Jody Bucannon Riser, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Riser, a student at East Central Community College, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges editorial staff. Riser will be included in the 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934. A campus nomination committee and editors of the publication have included the name of this student based on academic activities and potential for continued success. Riser joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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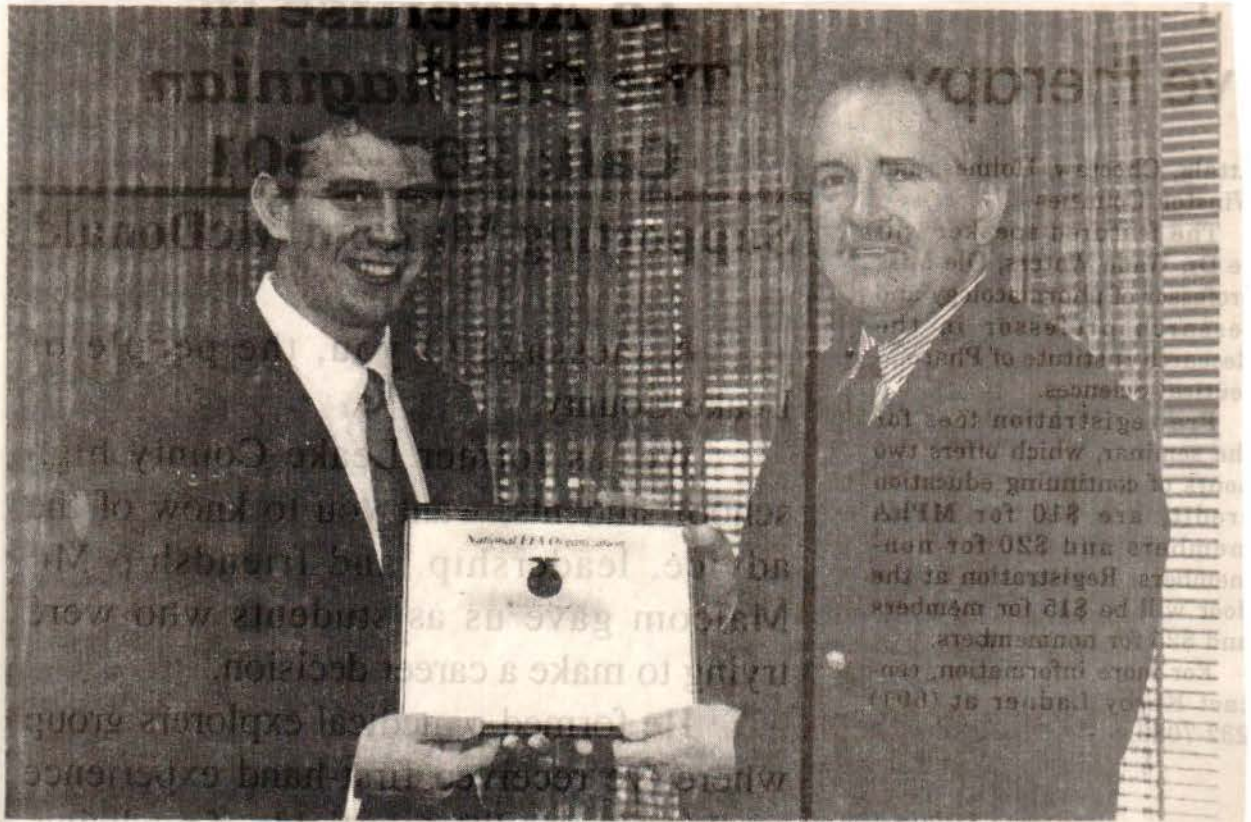
To perform at Fair

The Collegians of East Central Community College will again be featured entertainers during the Neshoba County Fair, with two performances scheduled Monday, July 31. Directed by Thomas W. Carson, the popular musicians will be in concert at 1:30 p.m. in the Founder's Square pavilion and again at 7 p.m. near the grandstand prior to the Miss Neshoba County Pageant. Admission is free to both performances.

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Smith honored

Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), president of East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently selected a recipient of the Honorary State Future Farmers of America Degree in recognition of his support for the organization.

Shown making the presentation is ECCC sophomore Darnell Ladner of Carthage who serves as State FFA president. The award was presented at the State FFA Convention held at MSU.

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Attend ECCC orientation

Among area students recently attending orientation activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur were, from left, Angela Branning of Philadelphia and Brandi Avera of Enterprise who are shown planning their fall semester class schedules with faculty member Bill Lovett. During orientation, students also reserve dormitory space and learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. An additional orientation will be held Saturday, Aug. 12. fall classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 23. For more information call 635-2111. (EC photo)

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National VICA winner

Randy Germany, left, of Union displays the medal he won for placing second in the collision repair technology division of the 29th annual Skills USA Championships (formerly United States Skill Olympics) held in Kansas City, Mo. Germany, a 1995 honor graduate of East Central Community College, advanced to the national competition after winning first place honors in the State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Contest held earlier this year in Laurel. Germany also won the State competition in 1994. Shown admiring his award is Conrad Germany, ECCC auto body and fender repair technology instructor, who is also the outstanding student's father! VICA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technician and health occupations education. It sponsors the Skills USA Championships to recognize achievements of vocational students and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen occupations. (EC photo)

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ECCC honors Winston students

Special to the Journal

Students named to the 1995 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Students named to the President's List from Winston County are Stacy Morris Edwards, Thomas Clay Fuller, Scott William Gronewold, Julie Ann Joiner and Tammy Gale Sanders, all of Louisville; Amy Lynn Anthony, Paula Michele McAdory, Sandra Simpson Partridge and Margaret Rosamon Sanborn, all of Noxapater and

Jennifer Hemphill Collins of Sturgis.

Students named to the Dean's List from Winston County are James Brent Gregory, James William McLeod, Cornell L. Miller, Robert Dowdle Thomas, William Peyton Weems, Stacey Arnez Woods and Robert Lee Wylie, all of Louisville.

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Surgical Technology Grads

Pinning ceremonies for graduates of the East Central Community College Surgical Technology Program were recently held on the Decatur campus. Students receiving certificates or degrees were, from the left, front, Ella Crocker of Philadelphia, Leann Thomas of Meridian, Tammy Ses-

sums of Decatur, Nikki Goodin of Louisville, Kathy May of Decatur; back, Pam Smiley of Newton, Ross Little of Hickory, Denise Mabry of Meridian, Pamela Hickman of Louisville, Rowena Davis of Montrose and James Johnson of Lena.

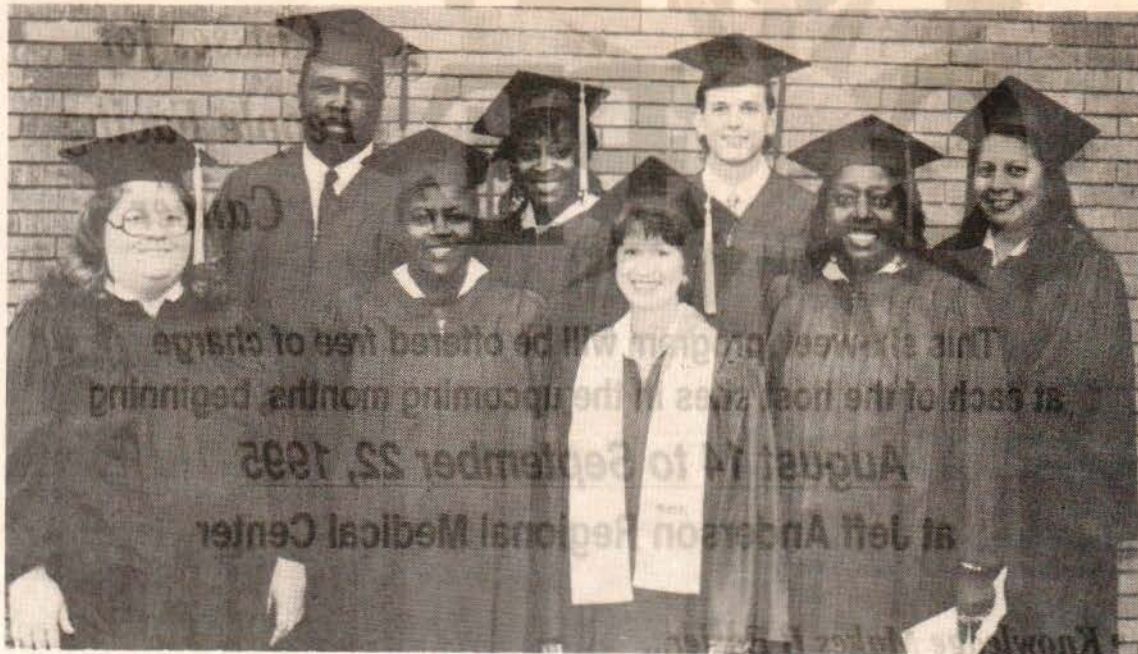
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Graduation

They did it...



You can, too!

So you think college is just for teenagers? Think again! Students of all ages are continuing their education these days, including the above "former teenagers" who are 1995 graduates of East Central Community College. Pictured are (front row, from left) Rachel Chesney, 34, of Union; Linda Williams, 36, of Kosciusko; Sandra Moore, 50, of Carthage; Inez Cager, 39, of Union; and (back row, from left) Edward Perry, 36, of Meridian; Rosie Clark, 25, of Louisville; Chad Breland, 23, of Newton; and Velma Henry, 36, of Philadelphia. It wasn't easy, but these determined individuals balanced their time, studied hard, asked questions, met regularly with advisors and received an education from an experienced and dedicated faculty with one goal in mind: helping all students succeed!

If you are a "former teenager" and want to improve your life with a college education, then call East Central Community College for information about day and evening classes offered this fall. And, be sure to ask about East Central's "First Course Free" program and scholarships that are available for nontraditional students.

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NJCAA Academic All Americans

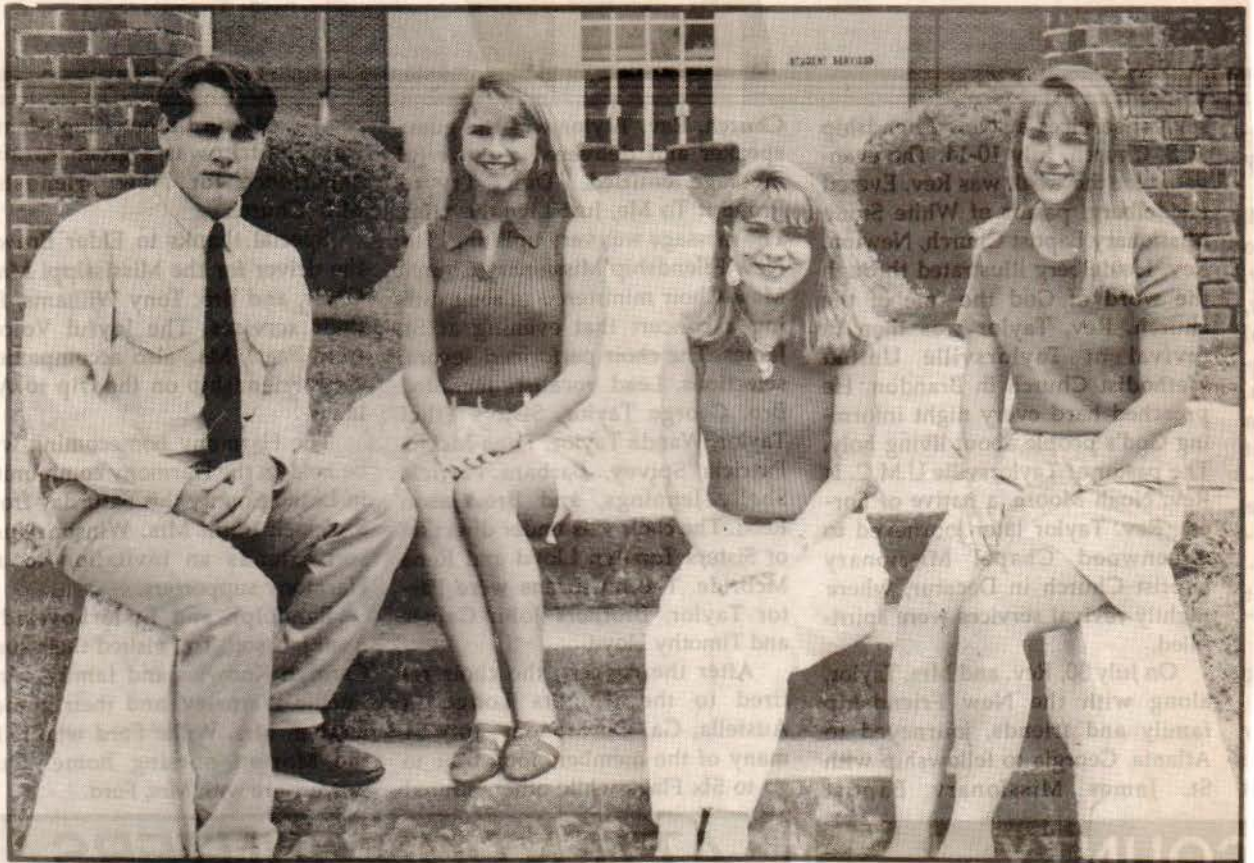
East Central Community College has named six former athletes National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans for the 1994-95 school year. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have lettered in one or more sports and have a grade point average of 3.6 or better. Students selected Distinguished Academic All-American

can earn at least a 3.8 GPA. Honorees include 1995 graduates, from left, front, Mike Hurst (Distinguished) of Hickory, basketball; Dane Vance, basketball, and Phillip Prince, basketball, both of Philadelphia; back, Kris Rigdon of Decatur, tennis; Brooks Bryan of Philadelphia, baseball; and Chad Ardoin of Pascagoula, baseball.

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Named as ECCC officers

These East Central Community College students have been selected to serve as Student Body Association officers for the 1995-96 term. From left are Joey Thrash, president, Walnut Grove; and Mandy Goldman, vice president, Kyra Fulton, secretary and Heather Eakes, treasurer, all of Philadelphia. Thrash is a graduate of Sebastopol High School; Goldman, Neshoba Central; and Fulton and Eakes, Philadelphia High School.

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Home folks: Mothering girls at ECCC dorm

For Betty Doty, the worst part of her job is the three months she has off every summer.

"It may sound crazy," Doty said. "But I like being here and doing my own little thing."

Doty is the dorm supervisor for Newsome Hall, the sophomore women's dorm at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"They used to call us dorm mothers," she said. "That's more appropriate than dorm supervisor. I do more mothering than I do supervising of my girls."

Doty, who began her sixth year as at ECCC on Sunday, said she loves being with the girls. "I like that mothering feel-



Doty

ing," she said, "the feeling that you are needed."

She said her days are fairly busy because she tries to keep her girls happy. "I'm always doing things to make their living here as

much like living at home as I can," she said. "I try to help them adjust."

Doty said she thinks living in a dorm, even at a community college, is a good step for a young person. "It helps them get used to living on their own," she said.

Doty said the most rewarding part of her job is when one of her girls comes back to tell her how she helped them when she was at ECCC.

Before coming to ECCC worked, Doty as a houseparent at the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson and at the Masonic Home in Meridian.

In her spare time, Doty likes to read, crochet and sew.

"I do a lot of sewing for the girls," she said. "I sometimes sew for the school, like for the football team."

Doty has two step-children. Lee is a football coach in Kosciusko, and Sharon is currently attending Mississippi State University.

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ECCC drum majors

Serving her second year as drum major of the East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band is Brandi Crenshaw (left) of Meridian. Crenshaw, a nursing major, previously served two years as drum major at Southeast Lauderdale High School and received superior ratings at state band contests. She was also student conductor. Her parents are Odell and Betty Crenshaw of Meridian. Selected to serve the new position of assistant drum major is Richard Edwards II (right) of Forest. Edwards is a graduate of Scott Central High School where he received six consecutive superior ratings at district and state competitions and tri-state festivals. He also served as student conductor. He is the son of Debbie Tadlock of Forest and Richard Edwards of Lake Charles, LA. The ECCC Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.

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ECCC Centralettes... Providing entertainment during halftime activities of East Central Community College football games are the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Marching Band. Members for 1995-1996 include (first row, from left) Jessica Hollis, Morton; Staci Strebeck, Decatur; Karen McRae, Carthage; (second row, from left) Kesha Baxstrum, Philadelphia; Danielle Strait, Hickory; Melissa McLelland (Co-Captain), Decatur; Kristi Gordon,

Union; Whitney Salter, Philadelphia; Dawn Cockrell, Morton; and (third row, from left) Brandi Laird and Shannon Goss (Captain) both of Morton; LaRee Lyle, Lena; Kerry Gibbon, Decatur; Lisa Harrison, Little Rock; and Niki Hurdle and Allyson McPhail, both of Carthage. Angela Weems of Newton serves as choreographer.

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ECCC's LPN GRADUATES - These graduates of the East Central Community College Licensed Practical Nurse program were recently recognized for their accomplishment during ceremonies held on the Decatur campus. Receiving certificates of completion were (seated from left) Kellie Goss and Rana Jo Hall, both of Philadelphia; Misty Jones, Carthage; Kameron Clay, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Angela Burns, Louisville; LaRae Wilkerson, Little Rock; Cynthia Pigg, Lena; Sherry Bartis and Shannon McNeil, both of Philadelphia; Sojourner Warnsley, Forest; and Patricia Webb, Conehatta. Certificates were awarded by Dr. Eddle M. Smith, college president and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, dean of instruction. LPN Instructors are Mrs. Sandra Thomas and Ms. Tonya Gager. (EC Photo)

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Alderman Receives Laird Scholarship

Sha Alderman of Decatur (right), a former Union resident, has been awarded the Laird Hospital Volunteers Scholarship for the 1995-96 school year. Alderman received a \$300 check from Laird Volunteer President Ruby Taylor. Alderman is enrolled in a Operating Room Technician Course at East Central Community College.

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Brown Selected For MEC's Leadership MS Program

Curressia McFarland Brown has been selected along with 29 other standout Mississippians to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 1995-96 Leadership Mississippi Program. Ms. Brown was chosen from scores of applicants from throughout the state to take part in the program for Mississippi's most promising young leaders.

The program's purpose is to identify emerging leaders up to age 40 to help them discover and develop leadership skills which can be used to make a positive impact for the future growth and development of their state and local communities.

Training sessions are led by a faculty of distinguished university professors under the direction of Leadership Mississippi dean, Dr. Thomas L. Wells, who serves as dean of Continuing Education and Special Programs and special assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

Sessions kick off in October with a three-day retreat. Then, over the course of seven months, participants will take part in a program agenda which includes leadership skills training, a practical field exercise in identifying specific problem areas, and development of action plans for problem solving based on team research.

Curressia McFarland Brown is on the staff of East Central Community College in Decatur. She has a bachelor's degree from Rust College, a master's degree

from the University of Mississippi, and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. She has served as a Girl Scout troop leader, is secretary of Delta Sigma Theta National Service Sorority, is director of Christian education for White Stone Missionary Baptist Church of Newton, and is a graduate of Marshall County Leadership Development.

Leadership Mississippi chairman Thomas F. Barkley, M.D., of New Albany said "Ms. Brown, like each Leadership Mississippi participant, possesses a natural talent and desire to take a proactive approach to life in order to make a difference. But outside of that, the participants are a very diverse group of individuals, each with a unique set of talents and ideas to contribute."

Over 700 of Mississippi's most outstanding citizens have graduated from the program during its 21-year history. They reflect a cross section of the state - geographically, professionally, ethnically, and economically. Graduates include accomplished business leaders, public servants, educators, judges, physicians, ministers, attorneys, politicians, journalists, and a host of other community leaders.

Mississippians active in community and public affairs are encouraged to apply for the Leadership Mississippi Program. For more information, they may contact Nancy Baker at the office of the Mississippi Economic Council at 601-969-0022.

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Former ECCC Student Honored...Teresa N.

Stroud (right) of Philadelphia, a 1995 honor graduate of East Central Community College, has received a Presidential Leadership Scholarship to attend Mississippi State University in Starkville this fall. Shown making the award presentation is Ed Davis, associate director of college and school relations at MSU. The scholarship, valued at \$4,000 for two years of study, was awarded in recognition of Ms. Stroud's "role as a leader of her class" while a community college student. She was also recognized for her "academic achievement, intellectual ability and leadership potential." Ms. Stroud, who plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in music education with piano emphasis, is also a recipient of a music scholarship and the William Winter Scholarship from Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. She received an associate of arts degree in music education with piano emphasis in May, 1995, and earlier earned an associate of applied science degree in computer programming, both from ECCC. For the past six and a half years she has been employed as a secretary for Student Services at ECCC while continuing her education. She is the daughter of Doyce and Peggy Stroud of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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Blount scholarship established

A scholarship named in honor of former East Central Community College coach Clayton Blount was among items approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its August meeting held on the Decatur campus.

The Clayton Blount Scholarship, established by his former players and other supporters, pays tribute to the Decatur resident for his many years of service to the College. Contributions are now being received to endow the scholarship, with only interest earned to be used for the annual award.

Blount served in various capacities during his 16-year tenure at East Central which began in 1953. He was physical education

teacher, head women's basketball coach, head men's basketball coach, assistant football coach, head football coach, dean of men and athletic director.

His 1953-54 women's basketball team finished state runners-up and he led the 1954-55 men's basketball team to a 33-3 record and a fourth place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The Warriors had earlier claimed Region 7 and Conference Championship honors and won the Hinds Invitational and Lions Bowl Tournament.

His overall record as basketball coach is a remarkable 145 wins and 27 losses, which includes two seasons at East Mississippi College where his women's team won the state championship title with an unblemished 40-0 record his final season on the Scooba campus.

Blount also found success on the gridiron, as he compiled an 18-12 mark.

He is still held in the highest regard by his former players. One of his former standouts remarked about Coach Blount: "He expected much of the students and athletes with whom he worked. He was a father figure and an exceptional disciplinarian. He expected students and athletes to conduct themselves in a very decent manner at all times and to bring honor to the College that they represented. The rapport he had with his students allowed him to be very demanding of them while still keeping their respect and admiration. Because of his high ex-

pectations and discipline, many of the students with whom Clayton Blount was associated are now successful and respected citizens."

Scholarship recipients will be selected on an annual basis by the College's Scholarship committee from a pool of applicants.

To be eligible to receive the scholarship recipients must:

(1) be a graduate of a high school from the five-county support area;

(2) have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above;

(3) participate as an athlete in one of the major athletic programs at East Central, which includes baseball, basketball, football, softball and tennis;

(4) appear on ECCC's certification list as a certified athlete for the given year; and

(5) not have been involved in any activity which would bring discredit to the College.

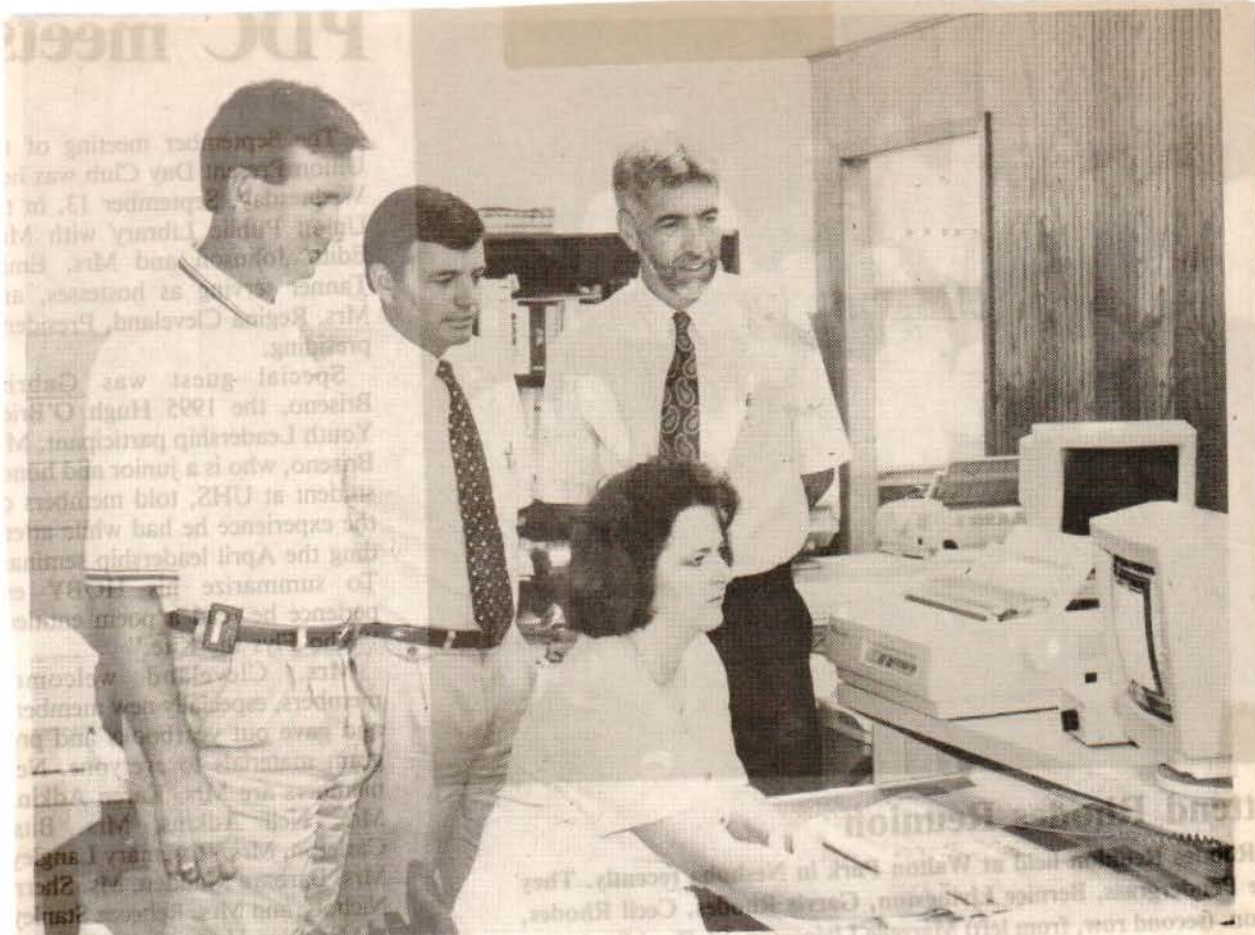
The scholarship will be available to the recipient beginning the fall semester following high school graduation. The recipient will receive the scholarship for the first year of attendance at East Central. One-half of the scholarship will be awarded the fall semester and one-half awarded the following spring semester. To retain the scholarship for the spring semester the student must earn a 2.5 grade point average on the 4.0 scale during the fall semester.

To make a contribution or receive additional information contact the Office of the President, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 200.

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ECCC Program Featured in National Publication... Mrs. Polly Mayes, ECCC drafting and design technology instructor, is shown operating CAD (Computer-Aided Design) equipment as (from left) Chris Harris, personnel manager at La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Ricky Harrison, also a drafting and design technology instructor, and Larry Blackburn, workforce specialist, look on. An article written by Blackburn about the program's success in placing graduates with area industries appeared in the September, 1995 issue of the *Vocational Educational Journal*, a national publication. (EC Photo)

Blackburn's article published

An article by Larry Blackburn, workforce specialist at East Central Community College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, appeared in the September, 1995 issue of the *Vocational Educational Journal*, a national publication.

In the article, entitled "Educational Partnerships: Taking Care of Industry," Blackburn writes about the job placement success of the College's drafting and design technology program. Historically, Blackburn noted, East Central has placed all its drafting and design technology graduates.

He cites several reasons for the program's success.

--The College is considered ex-

ly with industry to supply the quality of training that individuals need; and

--The expertise of instructors Ricky Harrison and Polly Mayes. Both are graduates of the program and have industry experience. Blackburn made the following comment concerning the two instructors: "They have valued insights from two viewpoints. Their genuine interests in ensuring the high quality of the program has led them to develop a positive relationship with industry."

Blackburn said Harrison and Mayes "continually strive to implement new ideas and document the success of the drafting program."

tional support to industry by developing a close working relationship and providing technical assistance."

Some of the area industries that have worked closely with the College and expressed satisfaction with the employment of ECCC drafting and design graduates include La-Z-Boy South, U.S. Electrical Motors, Weyerhaeuser, Peavey Electronics and the State Department of Transportation.

For more information concerning industrial services provided by the College contact Larry Blackburn, Workforce Specialist, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 265.

ECCC Warrior Corps Members Named

New members of the Warrior Corps have been selected for the 1995-96 term at East Central Community College in Decatur. Warrior Corps is the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting.

New members for this year include Jason Alford, Kyra Fulton and Jill Kirkland, Philadelphia High School; Angela Anthony and Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol High School; Patrick Bacon, Thomastown High School; Sandi Baldwin, Jason Fulton, Christy Madison, Jill Martin, Olivia McDaniel, Christina Miller, Ben Myers and Erica Roberson, Neshoba Central High School; Aimee Chandler, Louisville High School; Heather Dittmer, Carthage High School; Jason Frith, Neal Keeton and Tonya Williamson, Morton High School; Bart Gregory, Nanih Waiya High School; Lisa Harrison, Jim Savell and Danielle Strait, Newton County High School; LaRee Lyle, Scott Central

Attendance Center; Sincere Moncrief, Bryan Parks and Jon Sharp, Newton High School; Laquita Moore, Noxapater High School; Jennifer Musgrove, Leake Academy; and Stephanie Taylor, Forest High School.

Returning members are Vicki Adcock and Staci Strebeck, Newton County High School; Valeria Buggs, Newton County Academy; Melanie Cleveland, Forest High School; Craig Vowell, Philadelphia High School; Damon Ladner, Carthage High School; Mandy Goldman and Jennifer Thomas, Neshoba Central High School; Chris Gomillion, Scott Central Attendance Center; Brent Gregory and Ja Nance, Nanih Waiya High School; Brad Gressett, Lake Attendance Center; Treba Smith, Noxapater High School; and Amy Phillips, Sebastopol High School.

Warrior Corps is sponsored by Randall Lee, ECCC academic counselor.

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Homecoming

East Central to present court today during

Sophomore Brandi Janea Laird of Morton will be crowned the 1995 homecoming queen at East Central Community College during halftime ceremonies today at the ECCC-Itawamba football game. College President Eddie Smith, PhD., will crown Laird. The game will kick off at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Laird, a graduate of Morton High School, is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at East Central. She also is a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band, and was selected a freshman beauty. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Reba Laird of Morton.

Laird's escort will be Joey Martin, son of Joe and Janice Martin of Philadelphia. A second year nursing student at East Central, he is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

Other members of the homecoming court include: Frankie Anice Reed of Forest — maid of honor; Kyra Fulton and Jennifer Thomas, both of Philadelphia, and Heather McMillan of Edinburg — sophomore maids; and Carla Clark of Philadelphia, Tonya Covington of Louisville and Kelly Melton of Enterprise — freshmen maids.

Reed, a graduate of Forest High School, is majoring in childcare technology and is a member of the Pre-School Association of Student Teacher Educators. She is the daughter of Henry Reed and Frankie Owens, both of Forest.

Charles Aaron Griffin, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Griffin of Carthage, is serving as Reed's escort. He is a graduate of Edinburg High School and a childcare technology major at East Central.

Fulton, a graduate of Philadelphia High School, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, Warrior Corps, the official host group for the college, secretary of the Student Body Association



tion and editor of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook. She is the daughter of Rodney and Janice Fulton of Philadelphia.

Serving as Fulton's escort is Chancy Branning, son of Bruce and Peggy Branning of Philadelphia. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, he is a member of the Collegians performance group at East Central.

McMillan, a graduate of Leake Academy, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Education Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a dean's list scholar and an All-American Scholar Collegiate Award winner at East Central. She is the daughter of Barrett and Sandy McMillan of Edinburg.

Justin Schmidt, son of Don and Wanda Schmidt of Carthage, is serving as McMillan's escort. A

graduate of Carthage High School, he is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the Warrior basketball team.

Thomas, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is a member of the Warrior Corps, a recruiter for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, head football cheerleader and a basketball cheerleader. She is the daughter of Wayne and Judy Thomas of Philadelphia.

Serving as Thomas' escort is Brent Gregory, son of Larry and Glenda Gregory of Louisville. A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, he serves as vice president of the Warrior Corps and the Student Education Association at East Central.

Clark is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where she

was a beauty, senior class president and Miss NCHs. The former Neshoba County Junior Miss is member of the Collegians and Accents at East Central.

Clark's escort is Cassi Byars, son of Shelley Smith and Bobby Byars, both of Philadelphia.

He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where he was a member of the Beta Club and FBLA. At East Central, he is a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

Covington is a graduate of Noxapater High School, where she was senior vice president, Miss NHS and a beauty. At East Central activities include cheering for the Warriors, membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is the daughter of David and Nancy Covington of Louisville.

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The 1995 East Central Community College Homecoming Court are:

seated, from left,

Brandi Laird of Morton, queen; Franki Reed

of Forest, maid of honor; and standing, from left,

Heather McMillan of

Edinburg and Kyra Fulton and Jennifer Thomas, both

of Philadelphia

— sophomore maids;

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Carla Clark of Philadelphia,

Kelly Melton of Enterprise

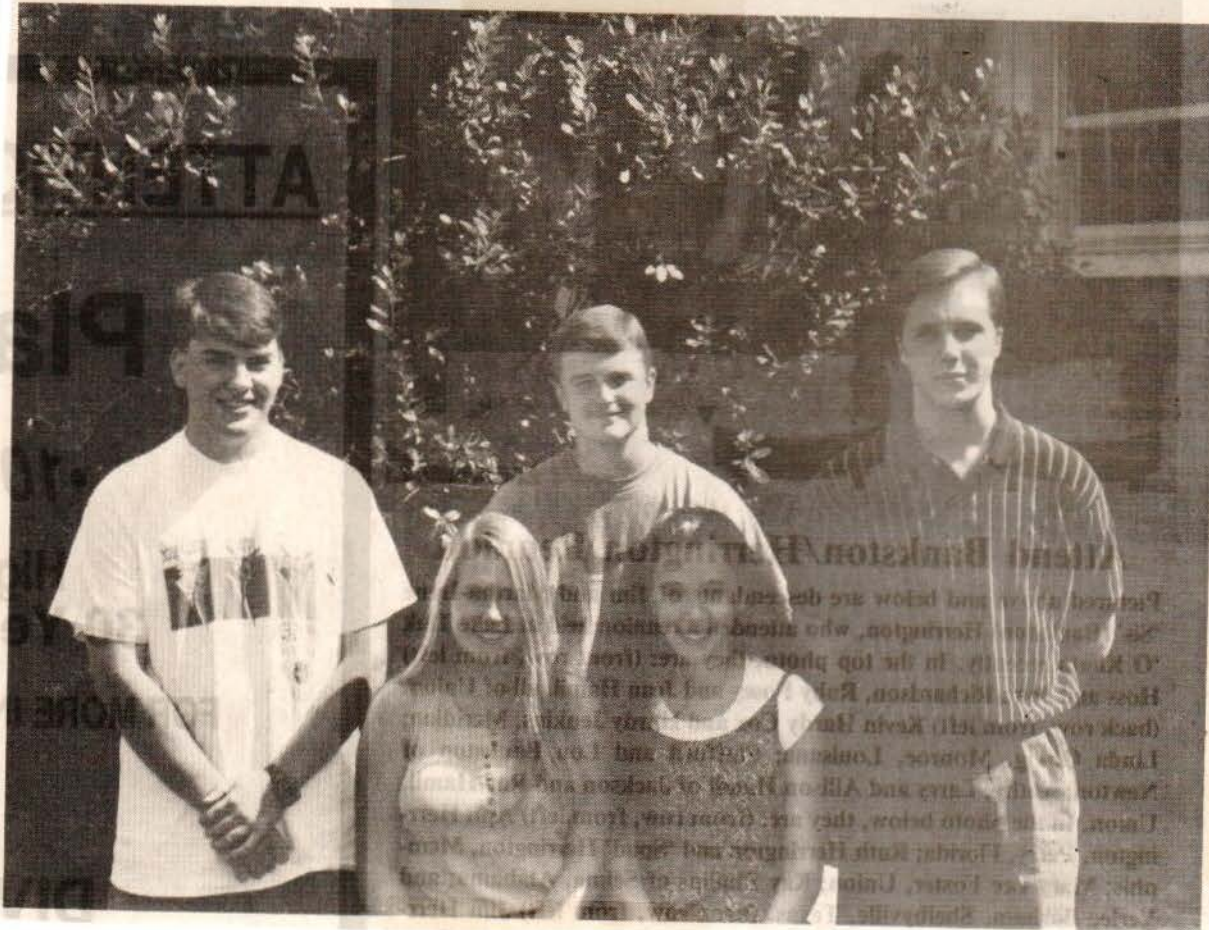
and Tonya Covington of Louisville.

Wade Breazeale, son of Sherrell and Juanita Breazeale of Philadelphia, is serving as Covington's escort. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, he is majoring in liberal arts at East Central.

Melton is a graduate of Enterprise High School, where she served as captain of the cheerleaders, a member of the Beta Club and was chosen homecoming queen.

She serves as cheerleader for the Warriors and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is the daughter of Steve and Judy Melton of Enterprise.

Her escort is Scott Smith, son of Jerry and Sarah Smith of Enterprise. A graduate of Enterprise High School, a liberal arts major at East Central.



ECCC Engineering Club Officers

Serving as 1995-96 officers Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "Engineers," at East Central Community College are (seated from left) Angela Anthony Sebastopol, reporter; Kristi C don of Union, secretary; (standing from left) Jon Sharp Sebastopol, president; C Alford of Forest, treasurer; Chris Gomillion of Harpervi vice president. Dr. Shelby Ha serves as advisor. (EC Ph

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EC honor society inductees

These students are the newest members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year community and junior colleges. Seated from left are Elaine Blount, Decatur; Larene Jones Graham, Conehatta; Robin Hines, Lawrence; and Lisa Harrison, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Phyllis Morrison, Newton; Brent Gregory, Louisville; Richard

Hamrick, Newton; Mo Rose, Hickory; and Kim Spillman, Decatur. Not pictured are Shannon Goss and Brandi Laird, both of Morton; and Shane Atchley, Carthage. Membership is by invitation only to freshmen with a 3.4 or above grade point average and sophomores with a 3.3 or above grade point average. Phi Theta Kappa is sponsored by Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris. (EC Photo)

EC honor society taps Atchley

East Central Community College recently inducted 11 new members into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community, technical and junior colleges.

Michael Atchley of Carthage, who is among the top 10 percent at East Central Community College, has achieved a general grade point average of 3.5, has

been recognized for his academic accomplishments and involvement in college and community activities.

Phi Theta Kappa, which maintains its headquarters in Jackson, is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

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Outstanding ECCC Student Nurses... Sophomores Gloria Rigdon (left) and Kim Spillman, both associate degree nursing majors at East Central Community College in Decatur, were recently elected by their fellow students for induction into the 1995 Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Hall of Fame. The outstanding Decatur residents will be recognized during ceremonies scheduled Saturday, October 28 at the Student Nurses Convention in Biloxi. Nancy Harris, associate degree nursing program director, said of the honorees, "They are both very dedicated students with a real burning desire to be excellent nurses, which is evident by the amount of time they spend preparing for their classes and the clinicals." (EC Photo)

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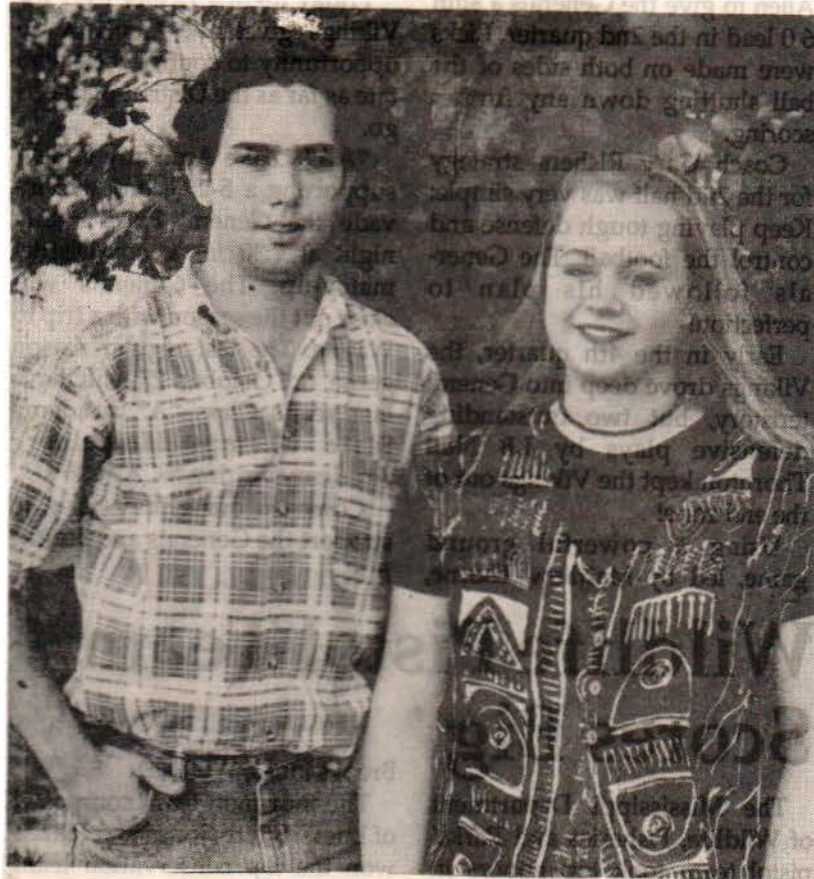
Serving as officers of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps for 1995-96 are (from left) Brad Gressett of Lake, president; Brent Gregory of Louisville, vice president; and Vicki Adcock of Decatur, secretary-treasurer. The Warrior Corps is composed of an elite group of students who serve as hosts for various campus events and activities and assist in recruiting. Academic Counselor Randall Lee serves as sponsor.

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ECCC ART SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - Michael White (left) of Edinburg and Marcia Vance of Louisville have been selected as recipients of art scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. White is a former art student of Mary Jean Perry at Edinburg High School. He is the son of James and Cheryl White of Edinburg and the grandson of Truman and Kathy White and Thomas and Margaret Thompson, all of Carthage and Bill and Lorette Ray of Hazlehurst. Vance studied art under Keith Adcock at Louisville High School. She is the daughter of Teresa Cooper of Louisville and David Vance of Jackson, TN, and the granddaughter of Billy Dean Cooper of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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SHARP JOINS ECCC WARRIOR CORPS — Jonathan S. Sharp of Newton has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. Sharp is a graduate of Newton High School, where he was selected STAR student and received the Tiger Tennis Award.

At East Central he is majoring in industrial engineering and is president of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and a member of the Scholars Bowl Team, Presidents Council, Mu Alpha Theta and the tennis team. He is a President's List scholar and recipient of the J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award.

He is the son of Will and Terrie Sharp of Newton.



HARRISON JOINS ECCC WARRIOR CORPS - Lisa Harrison of Little Rock has been selected as a member of the East Central College Warrior Corps, a host and recruiting group. Harrison is a graduate of Newton County High School where she was selected Miss NCHS and Most Likely to Succeed. She was Homecoming Queen, Senior and junior class president, Best All Around, Best Personality and received the Citizenship Award. At EC she is majoring in liberal arts and is the recipient of an ACT scholarship, a Presidential Scholarship and the Harrison Memorial Scholarship. She is also a member of the Centralettes danceline, Ac'cents, Concert Choir and ECCC Players.

She is the daughter of Allen and Belinda Harrison of Little Rock.

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ECCC FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS - Football cheerleaders at East Central Community College for the 1995 campaign include (seated from left) Shannon Harrison of Union, Kelly Melton of Enterprise, Jeana Santmyer of Newton, Anna Thornton of Edinburg and Tonya Covington of Noxapater; (kneeling from left) Stephanie Rascoe of Qultman, Tracy Guyse of Newton, Jill Kirkland of Philadelphia, Emily Jenkins of Shubuta, and Mandy Goldman and Jennifer Thomas, both of Philadelphia; (standing from left) Chris Crain of Pisgah, Palani Edmondson of Lake, and Ryan White and Stevie Richardson, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Warrior Chief Dana Reynolds of Enterprise. Sponsors are Virginia Pace and Stacie Weir. (EC photo)

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Seven join EC Warrior Corps

Seven freshmen from Neshoba County have been selected as members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the college. Members also assist in recruiting. This group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Members of the Warrior Corps are Christy Madison, Jason Fulton, Jill Martin, Jason Alford, Jill Kirkland, Olivia McDaniel and Christina L. Miller.

Miss Madison is the daughter of Ronald and Linda Madison. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where she was an honor student and a member of the Hall of Fame and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also received the coaches and all-district sportsmanship awards and was selected All-district in varsity basketball.

At EC, she is majoring in pre-nursing and is a member of the Lady Warrior basketball and softball teams. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and received an honorable mention All-American Scholar Achievement award.

Fulton is the son of Delane and Janet Fulton.

He is a graduate of Neshoba Central, where he received the DECA award and was a member of the Beta Club.

At EC, he is majoring in electronic technology and is a member of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and participates in flag football.

Martin is the daughter of Joe and Janice Martin.

She is a graduate of Neshoba Central, where she was co-editor of the annual. She also received the biology award, Girl Scout gold award and was an honor student.

At EC, she is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.

Alford is the son of Mack and Sherry Alford.

He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School, where he was an honor student and received several teacher awards. He was also a member of the band, stage band, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and Science Club.

At EC, he is majoring in liberal arts/music education and is a member of the Warrior Marching Band and the Baptist Student Union.

Miss Kirkland is the daughter of Wayne and Babs Kirkland.

She is a graduate of Philadelphia High School, where she received the "I Dare You" award and was named Rotary Student of the Month and a scholar athlete. She was also a sophomore and senior class homecoming maid and a sophomore and senior class favorite.

At EC, she is majoring in elementary education and was selected freshman homecoming maid and freshman class vice president.

She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Warrior football cheerleading squad.

Miss McDaniel is the daughter of Clifford McDaniel and Jan McDaniel.

She is a graduate of Neshoba Central where she was chosen most ambitious, most athletic and class vice president for six years.

She also received the hustle award three times for basketball and the defense award three years, rebound award and most valuable player award for softball.

She was all-district two years and a member of the Meridian Star All-Area basketball and softball teams and the Mississippi North all-star softball team.

At EC, she is majoring in pre-nursing and is a member of the Lady Warrior basketball and softball teams and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

Miss Miller is the daughter of Randy and Rendie Miller of Union.

She is a graduate of Neshoba Central where she was co-editor of the yearbook, an honor student and selected to the Hall of Fame. She was also a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At EC, she is majoring in computer applications and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, serving as reporter, and the Wo-He-Lo staff.



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Laird crowned homecoming queen

Sophomore Brandi Laird of Morton is shown being crowned East Central Community College Homecoming Queen by College President Dr. Eddle M. Smith during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Itawamba Community College football game held October 7 on the Decatur campus. Laird, a liberal arts major, is the daughter of Jimmy and Reba Laird of Morton. At left is Miss Laird's escort, Joey Martin, an associate degree nursing major from Philadelphia. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Martin is the son of Joe and Janice Martin of Philadelphia.

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EC frat officers

Selected to serve as Phi Beta Lambda officers at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1995-96 term are (seated) Peggy Warren of Union, president; (standing from left) Christina Miller of Philadelphia, reporter; Renee Withers of Carthage, treasurer; and Adella Rainer of Decatur, vice president. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students majoring in business related fields of study.

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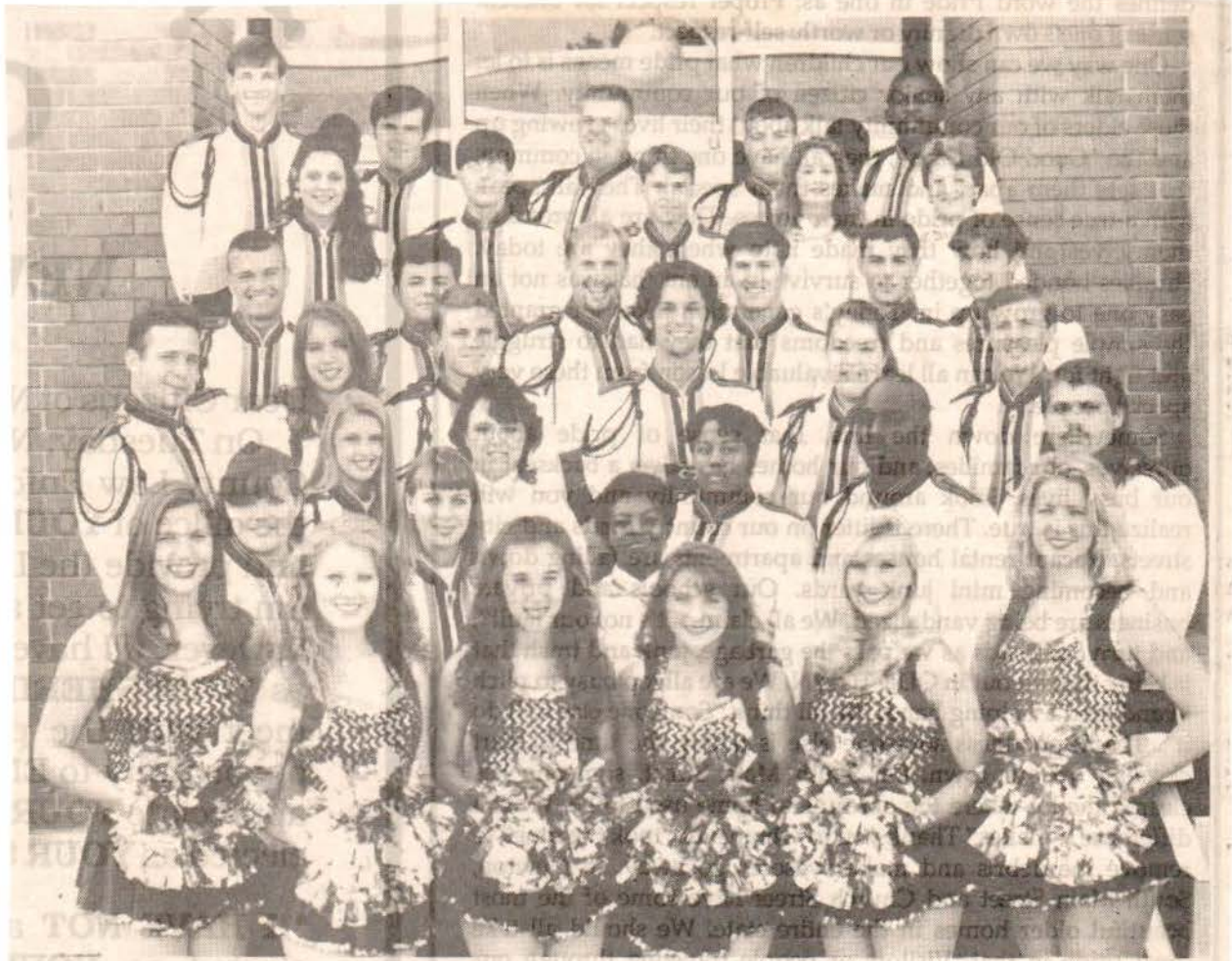


ECCC FLAG CORPS - East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band Flag Corps for 1995-96 include (first row, from left) Lakeshi Buckley, Union High School; Leslie Terrell, Newton County High School; and Aimee Chandler, Louisville High School; (second row, from left) Susan Smith, Newton County High School; Jerami Beard, Morton High School; and Roz Evans, Meridian High School; (third row, from left) Dandy Shepard, Newton County High School; Terri Smith and Cassie Harrell, Morton High School; and Amanda Savell, Neshoba Central High School; and not pictured are Bonnie Bates and Shawnta Moore, Neshoba Central High School, and Wendy Davis and Melanie Webb, Philadelphia High School. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director. (EC Photo)

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ECCC BAND STUDENTS - Members from Newton County of the Warrior marching band include (first row, from left) Lisa Harrison, Newton County; Danielle Strait, Newton Academy; Kristi Gordon, Newton County; Staci Strebeck, Newton Academy; and Melissa McLelland and Kerry Gibbon, Newton County; (second row, from left) Kristi Conrad and Gayla Penson, Union; Lori White and Leslie Terrell, Newton County; Lakeshi Buckley, Union; Denise Overstreet and Joel Rendleman, Newton; and Clay Hammond, Newton County; (third row, from left) Jason Jackson and Vicki Adcock, Newton County, Dan Hendon, Union; and Mingo Tingle, Melissa McDill and Alex Savell, Newton County; (fourth row, from left) Jason Vanderporten, Newton; Ryan McDill, Union, and Jeremy Swindle, Josh Bamberg, Brian Green and Glen Hansford, Newton County; (fifth row, from left) Valerie Buggs, Newton County; Jimmy Smith and Jason Jones, Union; and Susan Smith and Dandy Shepard, Newton County; and (sixth row, from left) J. B. Ware, Union, Lucas Harms and Jim Savell, Newton County; Sammy Boykin, Newton; and Robert Evans, Newton County. The Warrior Band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director; and Johnny May, assistant director. (EC Photo)

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Hamil Joins EC Warrior Corps

Olivia Hamil of Sebastopol has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Hamil is a graduate of Sebastopol High School, where she was Valedictorian, an Odyssey of the Mind - World Finalist and president of the Beta Club. She also received the Citizenship Award, Chemistry Award and English II, III and IV awards.

At East Central, she is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Warrior Marching Band.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Dr. James G. Hamil of Sebastopol.



Madison Joins EC Warrior Corps

Christy Madison of Philadelphia has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Madison is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where she was an honor student and a member of the Hall of Fame and "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She also received the Coaches and All-District Sportsmanship awards and was selected All-District in varsity basketball.

At East Central, she is majoring in pre-nursing and is a member of the Lady Warrior basketball and softball teams. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and received an Honorable Mention All-American Scholar Achievement Award.

She is the daughter of Ronald and Linda Madison of Philadelphia.



Baldwin Joins EC Warrior Corps

Sandi Baldwin of Union has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Baldwin is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where she was a Rotary Club Student of the Month Award recipient and received special distinction in accounting. She was also a sophomore Homecoming maid, selected to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and served as junior class officer.

At East Central, she is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Warrior Marching Band.

She is the daughter of Pam Eldridge of Union.

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Harrison Joins ECCC Warrior Corps

Lisa Harrison of Little Rock has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Harrison is a graduate of Newton County High School, where she was selected Miss NCHS and Most Likely to Succeed. She was also Homecoming Queen, senior and junior class president, Best All Around, Best Personality and received the Citizenship Award.

At East Central, she is majoring in liberal arts and is the recipient of an ACT Scholarship, a Presidential Scholarship and the Harrison Memorial Scholarship. She is also a member of the Centralettes danceline, Ac'cents, Concert Choir and ECCC Players.

She is the daughter of Allen and Belinda Harrison of Little Rock.



Kirkland Joins ECCC Warrior Corps

Jill Kirkland of Philadelphia has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Kirkland is a graduate of Philadelphia High School, where she received the "I Dare You" Award and was named Rotary Student of the Month and a Scholar Athlete. She was also a sophomore and senior class Homecoming maid and a sophomore and senior class favorite.

At East Central, she is majoring in elementary education and was selected freshman Homecoming maid and freshmen class vice president. She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the Warrior football cheerleading squad.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Barbara Kirkland of Philadelphia.



Martin Joins ECCC Warrior Corps

Jill Martin of Philadelphia has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Martin is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where she was co-editor of the annual. She also received the Biology Award, Girl Scout Award and was an honor student.

At East Central, she is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.

She is the daughter of Joe and Janice Martin of Philadelphia.

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EC band students

Students from Leake County high schools who are members of the 1995-96 East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band include (first row, from left) Tabatha Gainey and Allyson McPhail, Leake Academy; and Niki Hurdle, Karen McRae and Mary Lawler, Carthage; and (sec-

ond row, from left) Nathan King and David Neal, Leake Academy; Barry Sanders, Carthage; Matt Howell, Leake Academy; and April Greer, Carthage. The Warrior Band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director; and Johnny May, assistant director.

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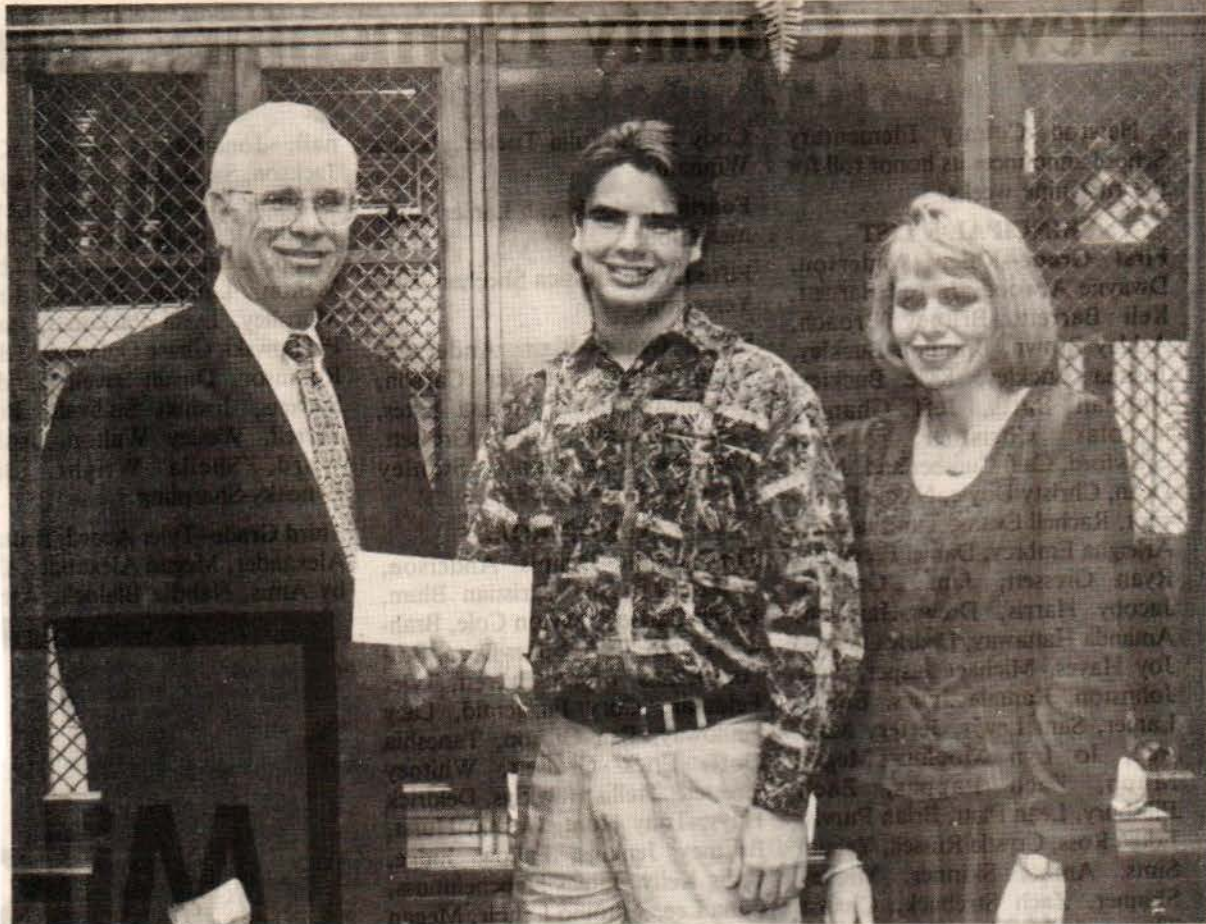
Presented ECCC scholarship

Jerami Beard (center) of Morton is the recipient of the annual Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown making the presentation is Jaccie Hester (left), assistant vice president and marketing director. At right is Randall Lee, ECCC academic counselor. Established in 1992, the scholarship is available to a selected recipient from one of the four ECCC district counties served by the bank, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Scott counties. Beard is a 1995 honor graduate of Morton High School where she served as Beta Club president, captain of the Lady Panther basketball team, and was a recipient of a National Merit Award. In addition, she was a junior varsity cheerleader, participated in student government and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, Beard is a flag team member with the Warrior Marching Band. She was also the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship and Act scholarship to attend ECCC. Her parents are Cooper and Becky Beard of Morton.

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Receives ECCC Scholarship... Ben Wall (center) of Forest is the recipient of the annual Union Planters Bank (formerly Sunburst Bank) Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown making the presentation is Tommy Smith (left), president of the Forest branch. At right is Lanette Hanna, ECCC recruiter who also serves as director of the Tech Prep Career Center. Established in 1992, the scholarship is available to a selected recipient from one of the four counties served by the bank in the ECCC district. Union Planters operates branch offices in Decatur, Union, Philadelphia, Louisville, Forest and Newton. Wall is a 1995 honor graduate of Scott Central High School where he was valedictorian, student body president and a member of the Odyssey of the Mind team which won State championship honors in 1994 and 1995. In addition, Wall served as band council president, Beta Club treasurer and was a member of the annual and newspaper staffs and gifted class. Along with the bank scholarship, Wall received a Presidential Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship and Band Scholarship to attend ECCC. The business administration major plays trumpet in the Warrior Marching Band. His parents are Mary and David Wall of Forest. (EC Photo)

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Sharp Receives EC Scholarship



Jonathan Sharp

Jonathan Sharp, a 1995 graduate of Sebastopol High School, has been selected as this year's recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hannah En-

dowed Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur.

The R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship, established in 1991 by their four sons who are all East Central graduates, is awarded annually to an entering freshman from Scott County. Recipients must have demonstrated potential for successful study and must have a need for financial assistance.

At Sebastopol High School, Sharp was ranked at the top of his class and served as Salutatorian. He scored a 28 on the ACT and is currently receiving an ACT Scholarship at East Central. The liberal arts major is also the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to East Central.

The R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship is available for the fall and spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, (601) 635-2111, ext. 205.

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t's no rumor, ECCC's 'Rumors' is a hit

Ovid Vickers

Special to The Star

The East Central Community College Players opened their 1995-96 season Thursday with a rollicking performance of Neil Simon's 1988 Broadway success "Rumors," presented as a dinner theater production.

Review

A Neil Simon comedy is more or less a guarantee of a delightful theater experience. When Simon is mentioned, one automatically thinks of such plays as his semi-autobiographical trilogy "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound." Though a sophisticated comedy with dialogue which Noel Howard would have applauded, "Rumors" is not as finely tuned or as originally comedic as the trilogy. "Rumors" revolves around a couple who has invited four other couples to their home to celebrate a 10th wedding anniversary. When the first couple arrives, they find the hostess gone and the host lying upstairs with a superficial bullet wound. At this point, one humorous situation or another keeps the play moving at a fast pace. The first couple attempts to find out what they fear is a case of infidelity when the second couple appears. As each couple arrives, the truth is concealed from those who have entered the house earlier. This results

in all the guests being caught in a web of rumor and misunderstanding.

An off-stage car crash, a therapist who attempts a group session by phone, and a missing Oriental domestic provide additional grist for this rumor and humor mill.

Director Judy Carroll has assembled a group of ensemble players who, in this reviewer's opinion, display abilities and an understanding of theater that is seldom found in community college productions.

Both Lisa Harrison in the role of Chris Gorman and Lucas Harms as her husband Ken are outstanding. Harrison is the kind of actress directors dream about because she has a fine understanding of the demands of comedy. She not only shades her lines for comedic effect, but she utilizes her body and facial expressions to heighten her every line.

Lucas Harms lights up a stage like a neon sign. He is very much at home before an audience, and his frantic attempts to hide the truth illustrate his real ability as a comic actor. It is apparent that Harms enjoys what he is doing, and he does it well.

In the role of Claire Ganz, Vicki Adcock convinces the audience that she never understands all that is happening and that is exactly what the role demands. Matthew Howell does a fine portrayal of Claire's husband, Lenny Granz. Howell has

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When: Tonight at 7

Where: Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, Decatur campus

Tickets: \$12.50 general admission

appeared previously in several East Central productions, and his theater experience is evident in his present role in "Rumors."

As soon as Richard Edwards makes his first entrance in the role of Ernie Cusack, it is apparent that he has great rapport with the audience. In the role of a rather nervous and accident-prone therapist, Edwards shows a real understanding of what audiences expect from a comic character.

Emily Bullock, who plays opposite Edwards as his wife, balances the performance of this duo. Bullock supposedly suffers from a "bad back," and her pretended seizures are comedy at its best.

Lee Rigdon and Aimee Chandler are the fourth couple associated with the general confusion caused by the rumors which circulate throughout this play. Rigdon takes an ordinary man's handkerchief and, by using it as a cover for his face (in an attempt to conceal his identity), does more with it than most actors could do with a stage full of props. Rigdon's timing is good and he performs well opposite Chandler.

Chandler breathes life into a rather colorless role. By delivering her lines with deliberate calm amidst a stage filled with confusion, she adds some bright moments to her role.

Jim Savell has the voice and build to create a cop who obviously had rather been walking his beat than investigating the sound of a fired pistol. Savell as Detective Welch is accompanied by Starre Wainscott as Officer Pudney. Wainscott makes the most of a brief second-act appearance.

It is no rumor but a fact that "Rumors" is a hit. The director, cast and crew deserve the sustained applause which followed the opening night performance.

The last performance for the play is tonight at 7 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Tickets are \$12.50 general admission.

Cast members from the Meridian area are: Lisa Harrison (as Chris Gorman) of Little Rock; Lucas Harms (Ken Gorman), Vicki Adcock (Claire Ganz), Emily Bullock (Cookie Cusack) and Lee Rigdon (Glenn Cooper), all of Decatur; and Aimee Chandler (Cassie Cooper) of Louisville.

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Historic Signing...Lorene Graham, 77, of Conehatta signs the official register of members of the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at East Central Community College in Decatur and becomes the oldest member to be inducted in the State of Mississippi to this international honor society of the two year college.

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"You are never too old to learn something new"

Graham inducted into PTK

The East Central Community College Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two year college, recently inducted new members of the 1995-96 year, and among them was Lorene Graham of Conehatta, who at the age of 77, becomes the oldest student to be inducted in Mississippi.

Her motto is, "You are never too old to learn something new."

Before Graham completed her junior year in high school, she had married Dow Graham, who currently serves as pastor of White Plains Assembly of God Church. She devoted herself to helping her husband in his ministry and raising a daughter. In her spare time, she developed hobbies of gardening and quilting.

After raising her family which grew to include a daughter, son in

law, and a grandson, she decided to return to school and pursue a degree.

In fall 1993, she became friends with Carol Vickers, ECCC Adult Basic Education/GED instructor. Graham said, "I went to inspect the college and met Mrs. Vickers who was so nice that I decided to stay."

In December 1993, she completed her GED through Vickers' course. The following January she became a "college co'ed" for the first time when she enrolled in English and introduction to computer classes on the East Central Decatur campus. In May 1996, Graham will be awarded her first college degree during spring graduation ceremonies at East Central.

According to records at the Phi Theta Kappa International headquarters, Graham is not the oldest student to be initiated into Phi Theta Kappa, but she is the oldest

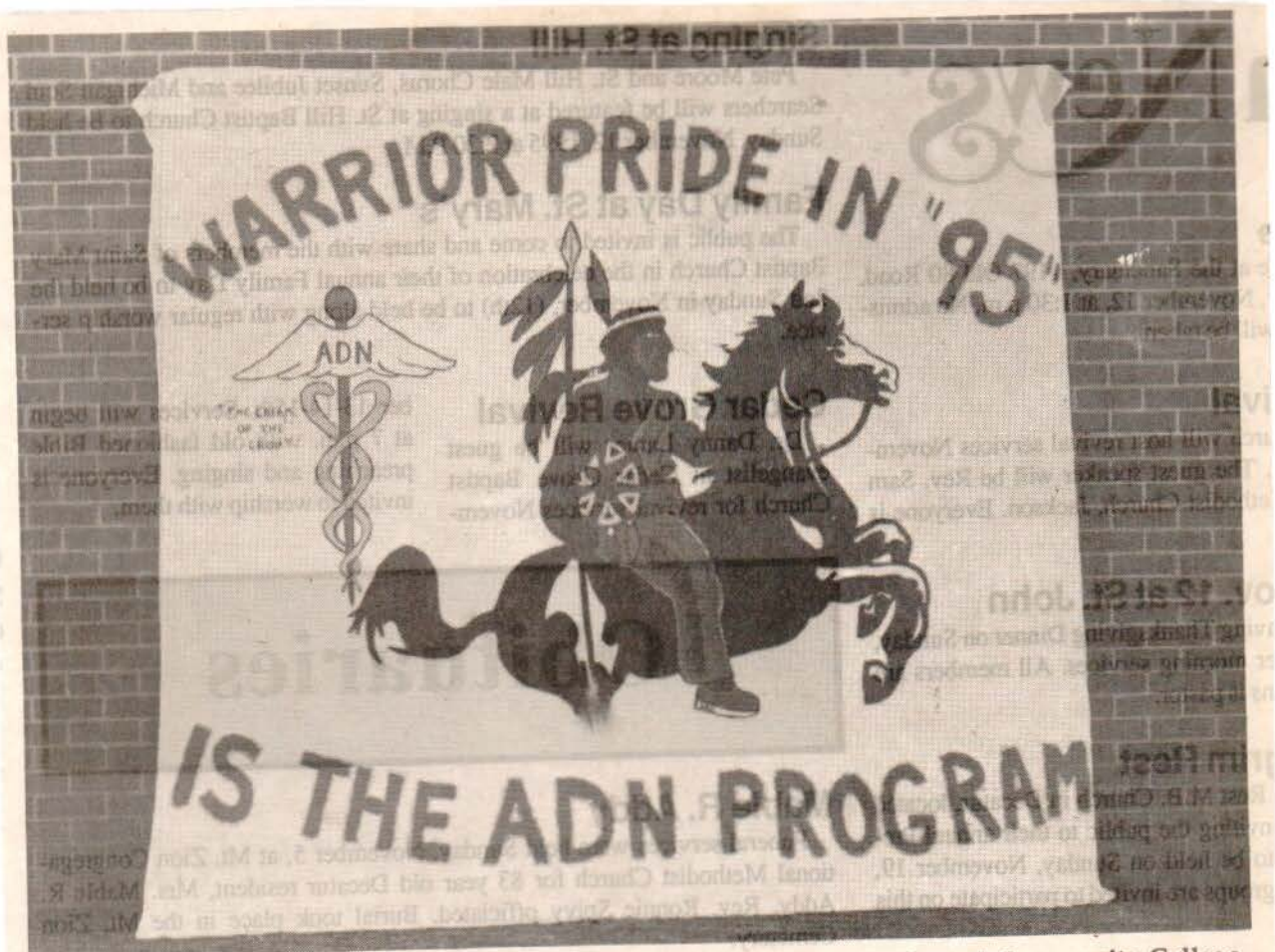
inducted into a Mississippi chapter.

When she registered for the Phi Theta Kappa honors course this fall she said that she not only wanted to fulfill the requirements of the course, but that she also wanted to contribute to the growth of the chapter. Graham does just that, alongside her 18-and 19-year old peers, by volunteering for service projects.

She returns once a week to Vickers' classroom, where she first began, to volunteer her services in typing and to assist other GED hopefuls in mastering their mathematics skills.

"I feel that the Phi Theta Kappa honors study topic ('Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities: An Indelicate Balance,') for this year is a very appropriate one," Graham said. "I think that with rights and

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BEST ECCC HOMECOMING SIGN! - Winning top honors in the East Central Community College Homecoming Sign Contest were students and personnel associated with the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The ADN design, shown above, was rated best among the 22 clubs and organizations participating in the annual competition. Placing second was Mu Alpha Theta followed by third place winner, the Student Body Association. Honorable mention recognition went to the ECCC Players and HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America). Cash prizes and other awards were presented to the winning entries. (EC Photo)

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Former East Central athlete finally receive trophy – 38 years later!

It took almost 38 years, but former East Central Community College track team member Jimmy Rea of Ridgeland finally received the first place trophy he was promised by Coach Clayton Blount of Decatur.

The "official" presentation, made by Blount during homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus, came following Blount's remarks as he was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

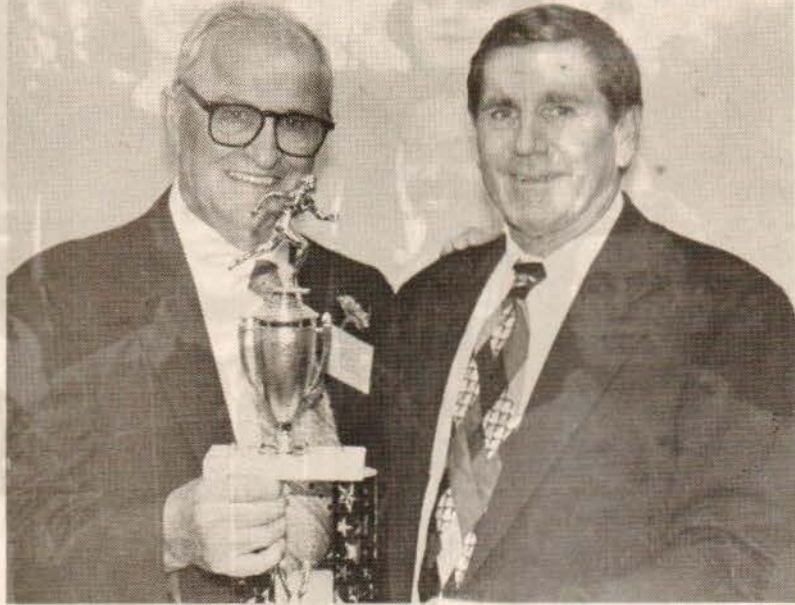
Blount, who also successfully led football and men's and women's basketball teams during his 16-year tenure (1953-69) on the East Central campus, had promised Rea and other members of the 1958 track team "a trophy and dinner" for anyone winning first place honors in the state track meet, held that year at Hinds Junior College in Raymond.

"I remember feeling pretty confident about making such a promise to Jimmy and the others since the team had not worked out a lot. I really thought we did not have much of a chance to win anything," Blount recalled.

But Rea, a Philadelphia native, had other ideas and went on to win the 100-yard dash and 220-yard run.

"In fact, four of the five track members who competed won first place honors," Blount exclaimed. "I just under-estimated the abilities of these outstanding individuals," he added.

A former standout athlete himself



Former East Central Community College track team member Jimmy Rea (right) of Ridgeland had to wait almost four decades but he finally received a trophy for winning first place honors in a state meet as promised by Coach Clayton Blount (left) of Decatur. Rea was among East Central athletes who won various events in the 1958 competition but were not presented awards due to budget restrictions. The presentation was made during homecoming activities held recently on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

at Philadelphia High School and the University of Mississippi where he attended on a football scholarship,

Blount said he was "stunned" but not surprised by the success of Rea and his teammates.

"Jimmy was a halfback on the 1957 and 1958 football teams and served as captain his sophomore year," Blount said, adding, "I was blessed with many good athletes like Jimmy on all my teams."

Not being able to present trophies to Rea and the others was certainly a disappointment to Blount, but funds were not available for such purchases.

"We had very little money in the budget for maintaining facilities and equipment and none whatsoever for items like trophies. Obviously Jimmy and the others were not aware of this and were somewhat disappointed when awards were not presented. I did buy them the meal I

would still have been just that Blount not been hired by Rea a few years ago to work part-time in Rea's business, Mid-South Auctions in Jackson.

Blount said Rea kept reminding him about the trophy so finally last year, in front of a large gathering at one of the auctions, Blount presented Rea with his award, almost four decades later.

"I was very surprised but obviously proud to receive the trophy from Coach Blount," Rea said, adding, "having the award also presented at homecoming activities and during Coach Blount's induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame was even more special. He was a great coach and is still, of course, a great person."

Now, if Blount could only just locate the other track award winners

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Lyle joins East Central Warrior Corps

LaRee Lyle of Lena has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

Lyle is a graduate of Scott Central Attendance Center, where she was Homecoming

Queen and Scott County's Junior Miss. She was also a cheerleader and a member of the Beta Club, annual staff and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

At East Central, she is a pre-dental major and a member of the Centralettes danceline, Accents and Concert Choir.

She is the daughter of Steve and Regina Lyle of Lena.

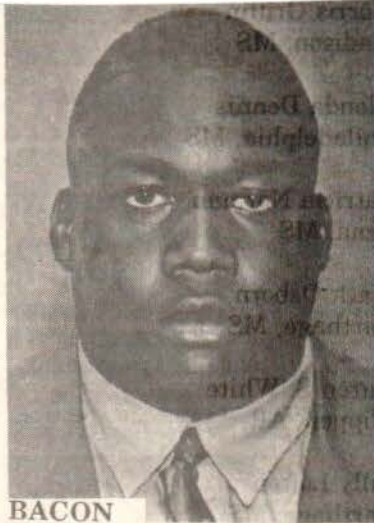


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Bacon joins Warrior Corps

Patrick Bacon of Carthage has been selected as a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official host group for the College. Members also assist in recruiting. This select group is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor.

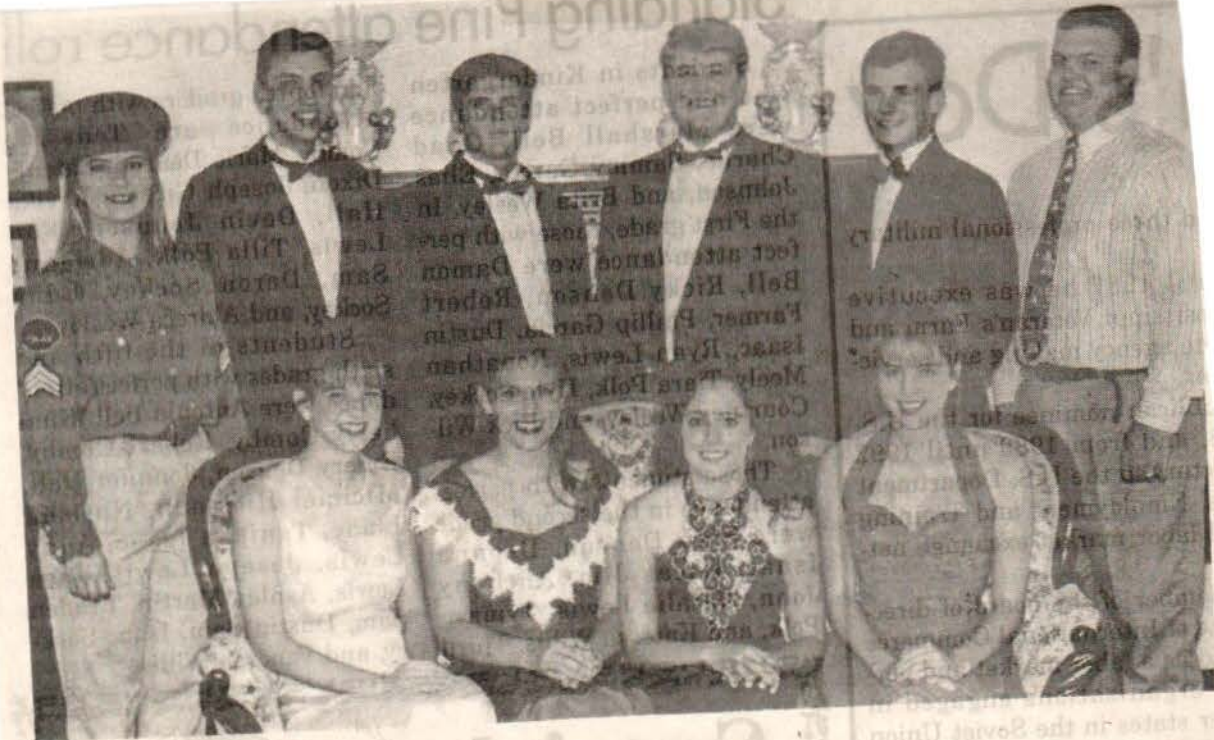
Bacon is a graduate of Thomastown Attendance Center, where he graduated fifth in his class. He was also president of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), parliamentarian for the Library Club and a member of the Beta Club.

At East Central, he is majoring in computer programming and is a member of the Warrior football team.

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'Rumors' cast

Cast members for the East Central Community College dinner theatre production of "Rumors" include (seated from left) Emily Bullock of Decatur, Lisa Harrison of Little Rock, Aimee Chandler of Louisville, Vicki Adcock of Decatur and (standing from left) Starre Wainscott of Lake, Richard Edwards of Forest, Lucas Harms and Lee Rigdon, both of

Decatur; Matthew Howell of Walnut Grove; and Jim Savell of Lake. The two-act comedy will be presented November 9-11 beginning at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Due to an overwhelming response, no tickets remain for either performance.

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ECCC beauties, beaus

Beauties and beaus selected at East Central Community college for 1995-96 include (from left) Mandy Goldman of Philadelphia, Woody Babb of Carthage, LaRee Lyle of Lena, Ryan White of Philadelphia, Brandi Laird (most beautiful) of Morton, Craig Vowell (most handsome) of Philadelphia,

Daniele Strait of Hickory, Tommy Bost of Collinsville, Jill Martin of Philadelphia and Tommy Bryan of Walnut Grove. The annual pageant was held in Huff auditorium on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC's MOST BEAUTIFUL, MOST HANDSOME—Brandi Laird of Morton was recently chosen most beautiful at East Central Community College following pageant activities held on the Decatur campus. Crowning the sophomore liberal arts major is college president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. At left is Craig Vowell of Philadelphia who was selected most handsome by a vote of the student body. (EC photo)

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Selected as members of the Collegians at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1995-96 term are (front row from left) Valeria Buggs of Newton, Carla Clark of Philadelphia and Kim Blackburn of Decatur, all vocalists; (second row from left) Brian Green and Josh Bamburg, both trumpet players from Decatur; Matt Eakes of Philadelphia, alto/tenor sax; Clay Hammond, Jim Savell, Mingo Tingle and Glen Hansford, all technicians from Decatur; Ryan Clarke of Decatur, bass; Nic Massey of Union, guitar; Chancy Branning of Philadelphia, drumset; Lori White of Decatur, keyboards; and (top from left) J. B. Ware of Union, trombone; and Lucas Harms and Jeremy Swindle, both of Decatur, and Shawn Houser of Lake, all vocalists. This popular Top 40 vocal/instrumental group is selected by audition each fall semester. In spring 1996 the group will travel to Washington, D. C., to perform at the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention. The group is lead by Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant to the director.

ECCC concert choir to perform Dec. 5

The Concert Choir of East Central Community College will present its annual fall semester program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fines Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Admission is free.

The program will feature the ECCC Concert Choir, the Ac'cents, a vocal "pop" ensemble; and the Handbell Choir from First Baptist

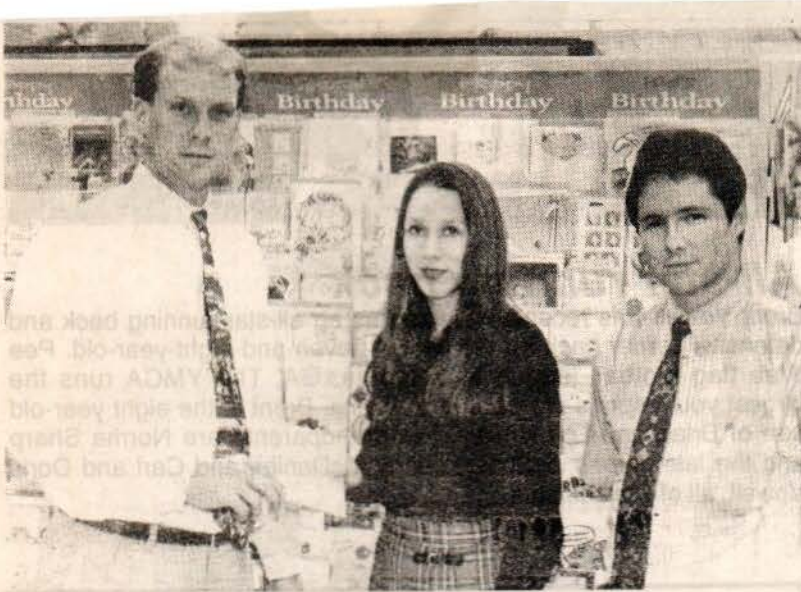
Church in Hickory. Each group will be performing both seasonal and nonseasonal music. The concert will conclude with the traditional singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

The Concert Choir and the Ac'cents are directed by Charles W. Hinson, music instructor, and Marian Thornton, piano and music instructor.

For more information, contact Hinson, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, (601) 635-2111, ext. 225.

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Vowell scholarship recipient

Tara Renaud of Carthage is the recipient of the Lavern Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur and is shown receiving the annual award from family representative Chris Vowell (left) of Newton. Renaud, a freshman business administration major, is a member of the ECCC Players and Lady Warrior tennis team. She is an honor graduate of Carthage High School where she was a Beta Club member and participated in ECTAG. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Renaud of Carthage. The scholarship-which provides tuition for two semesters- was established in 1993 by Elizabeth, E.L. and David Vowell to honor the memory of their husband, and father, Lavern Vowell, and to assist a worthy student in attending East Central. The Vowell family operates Sunflower Food Stores in Carthage, Philadelphia, Louisville, Newton, Noxapater and Forest. Also pictured during the scholarship presentation is Gene Gunn who manages the Carthage store. Chris Vowell is manager of the Sunflower Store in Newton.

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Tribe receives grant to school teachers

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the Choctaw Tribal School System a Federal grant of \$235,785 to operate a Professional Development Program on the Choctaw Indian Reservation. Slated to begin operation on January 1, 1996, the Choctaw Professional Development Program will serve twenty-five Choctaw participants per year as they prepare to become teachers in the Tribal Schools. The project is approved to operate for the next five years.

Officials in Washington, D.C. called Choctaw's proposal one of the best received in the round of fierce national competition. The Choctaw Tribal Schools will implement this new project in collaboration with East Central Community College and the Meridian Branch of Mississippi State University.

Chief Phillip Martin, who strongly supports and encourages education among all tribal members, made these comments about the new project: "We are pleased to accept this funding because now it will be possible for many of our Choctaw teacher assistants to have the opportunity to obtain a degree in teaching without loss of their jobs or employee benefits. At present we have 125 certified teachers, with only 10 being Choctaw. That is less than 10% of our professional staff. It is easy to see that we need more certified teachers in our classrooms who understand our language and culture."

The Choctaw Professional Development Program will enable 25 Choctaw participants to enroll either at East Central Community College or the Meridian Branch of MSU as they study towards A.S. degrees or B.S. degrees in education. Participants will receive financial assistance to cover all tuition, books, and fees, specialized instruction, guidance counseling, and stipends to cover time lost from

work while attending classes.

Participation is open to all Choctaw teacher assistants who are currently employed on the Choctaw Indian Reservation, as well as other tribal members who are currently either employed in education on the Reservation, or who are seriously interested in eventually teaching in the Choctaw Tribal School System.

Participants will have varying levels of education and experience. The Choctaw Professional Development Program will enable those who have little or no college experience to enroll at ECCC to begin earning their A.S. degree. Those who already have an A.S. degree may continue their studies at the Meridian Branch of MSU.

Individuals interested in applying to participate in this five-year project are requested to call the director, Ms. Roseanna Tubby, at 650-7302, as soon as possible. Service is limited to 25 participants per year. Enrollees should be ready to begin classes either at ECCC or Meridian Branch in early January 1996.



ECCC PASTE Officers... Selected to serve as Post Secondary Association of Students and Teachers of Early Childhood Education (PASTE) officers at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1995-96 term are (from left) Deana Chickaway of Conehatta, treasurer; Dana Lewis of Philadelphia, secretary/reporter; Janell Ward of Forest, president; and Rowena Whitham of Philadelphia, vice president. The organization is sponsored by Kathy George and Mary Ann Wright, child development technology instructors. (EC Photo)

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ATTEND ECCC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE-These Newton County student leaders attended the Second Annual Leadership Conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur. The purpose of the conference is to recognize student leaders from high schools in East Central's five-county district (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties) and provide them with leadership enhancement techniques. It is also an opportunity for students to visit the College campus and meet various personnel. Approximately 35 students attended the conference, sponsored by the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Services. Pictured are (first row from left) Pam Harris, Angie Burton, Emily Bullock and Lana Lohere, all of Newton County High School; (second row from left) Richard Blackburn and Adria Stamper, Newton County Academy; and Tomeka Hickman, Union High School; and (third row from left) Rhett Rivers, Deanna Bankston and Dan Savell, all of Union High School. (EC Photo)

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Receives U.S. Motors Scholarship... Freddie Gentry (center) of Hickory was recently named the first recipient of the U.S. Electrical Motors Loan/Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The full tuition scholarship is provided by the Philadelphia company to a qualified student enrolled in the College's Machine Shop Technology Program. As a requirement of the two-year award, the scholarship recipient agrees to employment with the U.S. Motors for a period of at least one year. A freshman, Gentry is a graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Jackie and Sara Gentry of Hickory. Shown with Gentry during the scholarship presentation are (from left) John Adcock, ECCC district director of vocational-technical instruction; Karl Brantley of Philadelphia, plant manager at U.S. Electrical Motors; Richard Clark, ECCC machine shop technology instructor; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

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ECCC TENNIS TEAM - Members of the East Central Community College tennis team for the 1995 campaign include (from left) Ty Nowell of Philadelphia, Craig Wolf of Forest, Brian Parks of Newton, Ryan Smith of Little Rock, Kris Rigdon of Decatur and Dave Morehead of Forest. The Warrior athletes are shown in their new competition shirts which have been provided by Dr. Larry Tuggle, Director of Environmental Services for the Russell Corporation in Alexander City, Alabama. Dr. Tuggle, an ECCC alumnus and former manager of the Warrior football team, also donated shirts for members of the college's golf team. Both squads are coached by Joe Clark. (EC photo)

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Taylor signs with East Central

Stephanie Taylor (seated, right), a senior at Forest High School, recently signed a tennis scholarship with East Central Community College. With Taylor are (back row, left to right) FHS tennis coach Rhett Mitchell, Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, and Natalie Vance (seated, left), ECCC's women's tennis coach. Taylor is the first signee with the new women's tennis program at ECCC.

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McDonald Signs with ECCC... Shannon McDonald (seated), a 1995 graduate of Newton Academy, recently signed a tennis scholarship with East Central Community College. Shown with McDonald are (standing, from left) her parents, Kathy and Buck McDonald, and Natalie Vance, ECCC women's tennis coach. The McDonalds are residents of Decatur.

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Alumni tennis tourney set for East Central.

Alumni of East Central Community College in Decatur are encouraged to participate in the annual homecoming tennis tournament scheduled Oct. 2-6.

Tournament director Mike Anderson said all matches will be held during evening hours on the college tennis courts. Competition includes women's and men's singles and doubles divisions plus a special division for athletes over the age of 35. Anderson said participants may enter only one area of competition and must be either a former or current ECCC student.

Entry fee is a new can of tennis balls which should be furnished prior to the start of each match.

To enter the tournament and receive additional information call the college at 635-2111.

Tournaments:

• **Tennis Tournament:** East Central Community College will have an alumni tennis tournament Oct. 2-6.

The tournament, which coincides with Homecoming festivities, will be on the school's tennis courts with women's and men's singles and doubles divisions and a division for athletes over the age of 35.

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Northwest CC routes East Central 48-7

SENATOBIA — East Central suffered its third loss of the season as Northwest claimed a 48-7 win.

East Central's only score came in the second quarter.

Northwest's Bryan Sparacino threw for 262 yards to pace the Rangers.

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**NCA tennis player
signs with ECCC**

Shannon McDonald, a 1995 graduate of Newton County Academy in Decatur, recently signed a tennis scholarship with East Central Community College. McDonald will play for coach Natalie Vance.

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